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Education in the election spotlight

Labour to stop schools opting out 'on day one'

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Conservative and Labour parties were last night locked in head-on confrontation over grant-maintained schools, leaving hundreds of schools in confusion.

The government is urging schools considering opting out to go ahead, arguing that sheer weight of numbers will prevent Labour returning them to local authority control. But Jack Straw warned them yesterday that if they did, they would lose their financial advantages on the day Labour came to power.

The Opposition education spokesman said there would be no safety in numbers. All grant-maintained schools would be returned to council control, regardless of how many had opted out. "The larger the number, the more urgent it would be to restore some sensible planning to finance and education," Mr Straw said in an interview with *The Times*. "There has been a great deal of wishful thinking and a campaign of deliberate misinformation to suggest that we would not hand schools back to local authorities... We will do it."

The conflict ensures that education will be a key issue in both parties' general election campaigns and means that the future of many schools will remain uncertain for months.

There are now 75 grant maintained schools, with a further 65 awaiting a decision from Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. Parental ballots are being held in another 75. Some schools have postponed ballots because of the uncertainty, but others have been convinced by the argument that Labour would change its mind if enough opt out.

Mr Clarke wants most of the 4,000 secondary schools in England and Wales to opt out, and he believes that the steady flow of applications will turn into a flood. His view that Labour will not carry out its threat if enough opt out is supported by Bob Balchin, chairman of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, who said: "I suspect that between 200 and 300 will schools will be sufficient, although it might require up to 400. If enough do come out in the inner city areas, it will concentrate a few minds."

Mr Straw, who estimated that no more than 300 of the 24,000 schools in England and Wales would have opted out by the time of the general election, insisted yesterday that that was not the case. "We will level the playing field on day one, treating all schools as if they were with the local authority and introduce legislation in the first year," he said. "We would expect to see an end to grant-maintained schools within 18 months."

Mr Straw accepted that Labour's policy, which is supported by the Liberal Democrats, could antagonise some traditional supporters who have voted in favour of schools becoming grant-maintained. "This is not a matter of pique, but because there is an overwhelming case for planning the system locally and for ensuring that all children get a fair deal. You cannot do that if schools opt out," he said.

The churches could have their schools back if they wanted them. He refused, however, to say whether selective schools run by non-church foundations would be given the same option.

Graham Locke, headmaster of Audenshaw High School, Tameside, Greater Manchester, one of the first schools to opt out in 1989, said: "There are schools like my own where the parents vote Labour. I can't see them, though, voting to return their schools to something they had before and had decided to change. It is a bit of an insult to say to the same people that they are entitled to vote for the government but that they are not fit to vote for the way they want their schools to be run."

Schools that opt out receive a number of grants and an extra 16 per cent a year to cover the costs of central sevices previously provided by the local authority. That often represents more than than the real costs, giving the schools a considerable advantage over council-run schools.

Mr Straw is also concerned that grant-maintained schools have fared better in rants for improvements to their buildings and facilities. This year, 56 grant-maintained schools are sharing £10.5 million compared with an estimated £670 million spent on council and voluntary-aided schools.

The government argues that many of the schools were neglected by the local authority, with some facing closure or reorganisation, so that extra money was esssential to bring them up to an acceptable standard.



Gesture from the past: an elderly Prague woman kisses the hand of the Princess of Wales during the royal walkabout in Wenceslas Square

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Helping Baghdad back on its feet

Businessmen and profiteers hungry for fat contracts are flocking to the Iraqi capital. Adam Kelliher reports

The first foreign businessmen, dressed in three-piece suits, have arrived in Baghdad for their hoped-for audiences with officials empowered to grant the first reconstruction contracts, when and if the United Nations embargo is lifted. "The war occurred and an instant market opened," one of the businessmen said. "The amount that has to be done out there is absolutely extraordinary."

For a profiteer, Iraq offers much to drool over: a time will soon come when the country's prewar stores will run out and the effort to make do will come to a stop.

As Baghdad bounces back after the Gulf war and ensuing domestic turmoil, labourers wearing turbans to fend off the first blasts of summer heat deftly install the power line that will restore electricity to yet another area of the capital which has been without electricity for three months. Hoshi Muhsini, the foreman, said: "Some parts are missing, but we are working harder in order to cover for the lacking parts, and we are retrieving some older bits and pieces."

At the end of the war a UN delegate described Baghdad as being like an athlete who had been in an accident and was brain-dead: his body intact and pristine, but receiving no messages because all thought control had gone. But the city of four million people is really more like an old drunk the morning after a particularly severe night, its robust character ensuring a swift recovery but a certain toll

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Bush leaves hospital to get back to business

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush was discharged from hospital and resumed his normal working schedule at the White House yesterday, in spite of an early morning recurrence of the irregular heartbeat that had caused worldwide concern over the weekend.

His doctors decided at a 5.30am meeting not to carry out the electric shock therapy that would have meant Dan Quayle, the vice-president, would have been acting president for short time yesterday. The preparations for that eventuality, including letters to congressional leaders, had already been made. The doctors' decision to discharge Mr Bush, aged 66, after 38 hours in hospital also helped alleviate political and economic jitters in the United States and abroad. The doctors denied, however, that they had been influenced by political considerations.

Mr Bush's condition was first diagnosed after he complained of feeling tired and breathless while jogging at Camp David on Saturday afternoon. Doctors said that his heartbeat, normally in the mid-sixties, was in the high nineties when he arrived at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, in Washington. It finally responded to medication at 10.45 on Sunday evening, but returned to an irregular beat at 4.45am yesterday. At 9.30am, after he had returned to the White House, it returned to normal again.



"Feeling fine": Mr Bush out of hospital yesterday

Mr Bush will be constantly monitored at the White House during the next few days and he will have to take digoxin and procainamide drugs for the forseeable future. He has been told to stop his strenuous exercise programme for about a week until correct dosages are established, but he intends to pursue his full work schedule. The cause of Mr Bush's atrial fibrillation remains a mystery and his doctors said they could not predict whether it would recur.

The New York Times reported yesterday that Mr Bush had complained of fatigue while jogging at least twice before during the past fortnight. Dr Burton Lee, his physician, said Mr Bush had complained of "getting older" in the past fortnight, and his doctors said he might have been suffering from atrial fibrillation for some days.

As he returned to the White House, Mr Bush said he felt "real good". He said he intended "to gradually get back into the athletics and not overdo it, so we won't run today". He expressed his full support for Mr Quayle.

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A place of which we now know much

From ALAN HAMILTON IN PRAGUE

UNDER the eye of a small but friendly crowd, the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday attempted to exorcise the ghost of Neville Chamberlain, who dismissed Czechoslovakia as a faraway place of which we knew little when he put his name to that piece of paper in Munich in 1938.

On the first day of their official visit to Prague, the royal couple laid a wreath at the base of King Wenceslas's great bronze statue, where the Czechoslovak Republic was declared in 1918. It is a potent site in the national consciousness. They walked a few yards to a more informal memorial, where fresh flowers still commemorate Jan Palach and other martyrs of the dark years of communist oppression and Soviet invasion.

During a brief walkabout in

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Soviet troops 'kill dozens' in Armenia

From ROBERT SEELY, YEREVAN, AND BRUCE CLARK, MOSCOW

DOZENS of people were killed when a village in Armenia was completely destroyed yesterday by Soviet troops using tanks, helicopters and heavy artillery, according to Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the republic's president. He said the Kremlin had virtually declared war on his people.

The attack on the village of Voskepar in the northeast marked a sharp increase in punitive military operations by Soviet and Azeri forces against Armenian communities accused by Moscow of sheltering illegal armed bands. The raid was also the first on a village in Armenia. Previous attacks have been on Armenian villages in Azerbaijan.

Mr Ter-Petrosyan said every house in the village had been destroyed. All the agricultural plots and woodland in the immediate vicinity had been burned out. "There have been dozens of deaths," he said, adding that helicopters had also strafed several villages in the south of the republic.



Earlier Mr Ter-Petrosyan said he held Moscow's hardline interior minister, Boris Pugo, personally responsible for last week's bloody raids by the security forces on two villages in Azerbaijan. He suggested as well that President Gorbachev, whom he met in Moscow at the weekend, had connived in the attack on the villages.

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Wrangle over venue delays Ulster talks

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE first round-table inter-party talks for 16 years on the future of Northern Ireland have been delayed because of a wrangle over where they should take place.

Instead of opening a plenary session with delegations from the province's main parties in Belfast this morning, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, is expected to hold a further round of bilateral discussions in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

The second stage of the three-tier talks involves the Irish government meeting Unionist and nationalist politicians to discuss links between Belfast and Dublin. The Unionist parties want them to be held in London while the Irish government and the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour party favour Dublin and Belfast.

Mr Brooke is understood to be insisting that agreement on the venue must be reached before the first face-to-face negotiations between Unionist and nationalist politicans start at Stormont.

One way of breaking the deadlock without offending the sensitivities of all sides would be to look abroad. Yesterday there were signs from Dublin that an acceptable compromise could be to hold talks between the Unionist leaders and the Irish government at Strasbourg.

Feeling washed out on the banks of the Nile

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

HOLIDAYMAKERS heading for the pyramids this summer would be well advised to stock up with a plentiful supply of potions. According to a readers' survey in the Consumers' Association magazine *Holiday Which?*, 60 per cent of 155 holidays taken in Egypt resulted in illness, making the country, trying hard to attract more tourists, easily the worst place to visit for anyone wanting to remain fit and healthy.

The Gambia came second in the sickness league, with 47 per cent of holidaymakers reporting illness. The healthiest countries to visit, according to the survey, are Sweden, Ireland and The Netherlands, where only 3 per cent of respondents said they were ill.

Overall, 16 per cent of all holidaymakers fell ill, with stomach upsets accounting for 63 per cent of all sickness.

Theft is a particular problem in Latin America, where thieves struck in 11.5 per cent of holidays. No one who visited the Gambia had anything stolen but 8.3 per cent were threatened with violence or were mugged during their visit to the increasingly popular West African country. Nearly 8 per cent of visitors to Morocco reported problems of violence or threats, but for the vast majority of the 36 countries reported on in the survey the threat of violence affected less than 1 per cent of visitors and in 11 countries there was not a hint of it.

THE WORST

Country	% falling ill
Egypt	60
Gambia	47
Turkey	45
Latin America	45
Bulgaria	40
Thailand	36
Tunisia	35
Malaysia	33
Morocco	33
West Indies	27

THE BEST

Country	% falling ill
Sweden	3
Eire	3
Netherlands	3
W Germany	6
Belgium	6
Canada	7
Austria	7
Switzerland	8
Italy	9
Denmark	10

One reader described how she missed the high spot of her trip to Egypt, the Valley Of the Kings, near Luxor, because she became ill. On her return to England, she became weaker and weaker and the problem, caused by a parasite, *Giardia lamblia*, took ten weeks to clear up. It had been living in water used for drinking or cooking food. The magazine advises tourists to drink boiled or bottled water, eat freshly cooked dishes, and avoid food such as shellfish and ice cream.

Many other recommendations appear to be sheer common sense – using insect repellent, not approaching animals when there is a risk of rabies, watching out for snakes and scorpions nestling in shoes. Tourists unaccustomed to heat should take it easy until they have adjusted, and should limit sunbathing at first, building up gradually.

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WHITEHALL BRIEF: Richard Ford

Semi-detached units struggle to shrug off interference

THE prime minister's efficiency unit is expected to accuse some government departments of reluctance to give up central control of parts of the Whitehall machine that have been transformed into semi-independent units.

The unit's report, to be published later this month, is likely to highlight several difficulties in relations between parent departments and the agencies, including widespread criticism that the links are too bureaucratic. A number of chief executives appointed to run the semi-autonomous agencies, which are intended to provide better services to the public, have complained of the continuing 'hands on' attitude of parent departments.

The enquiry, by Sir Angus Fraser, the prime minister's adviser on efficiency, has focused on the relationship between parent departments and the agencies. His report is expected to emphasise the importance of developing links between the parent department and its agencies to prevent second guessing and allow the agency to work with the minimum interference from Whitehall.

The difficulties facing the government's drive to transform large chunks of Whitehall into agencies are outlined in an internal study carried out in the transport department. It said there was duplication of decision-making and an absence of trust between the department and the Vehicle Inspectorate Agency, the Driving Standards Agency and the Vehicle Certificate Agency.

> New government agencies are unhappy at the overly bureaucratic regime of parent departments, Our Political Correspondent writes

The agencies accused the central department in Whitehall of being heavy handed and unnecessarily bureaucratic, making excessive demands for information and refusing to allow them to develop new areas of business.

In the key areas of allocating resources, setting targets and monitoring work, the three agencies said there was excessive delay in dealing with matters, particularly when the central department insisted on being involved. "The agencies are unanimous in complaining that the amount of control exercised by the centre has increased rather than decreased since they were set up. They say that they are asked for a great deal of detailed information which is costly and time consuming to provide. This runs counter to the agency culture by implying that agencies cannot be trusted to run their own affairs. It results in a tendency for agencies to withhold information because its provision is likely to lead to yet further questions," says the report.

The relationship between departmental staff and those in the agencies tended to be "confrontational, with the agencies feeling that the department is not identifying itself as it should with their aims and successes", the report adds. Limits on the amount and type of information that officials at the centre can demand from agencies, the fostering of mutual trust, and giving the three units greater autonomy in staff management are also recommended.

The report says one official should be given the task of managing relations with the agencies. It would encourage a greater sense of common purpose, and clarify lines of responsibility and accountability.

Ministers to curb homes loophole

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE government is becoming increasingly concerned about its soaring social security bill after moves by local authorities to transfer their residential homes to private ownership, in order to obtain state benefits.

At the same time, ministers are being pressed by private and voluntary homes, and organizations representing the elderly, to raise benefit levels in homes. Today the social security select committee is taking evidence from health and social services bodies on the gap between benefit and costs.

Although the social security bill for homes is now more than £1 billion, the homes claim that income support payments, ranging from £160 to £255 for those who cannot afford the fees, are well below the running costs of the homes — between £185 and £307.

In some cases homes have gone bankrupt and in others they have asked residents to top up the difference. Although fees for nursing homes rose by £45 a week on April 1, those for residential homes went up by only £5. After a quadrupling of the numbers of places in private homes in the last nine years, the government is understandably reluctant to increase payments.

Social security ministers are understood to be looking at ways of closing the loophole which allows transfer of ownership of homes.

Earlier this year Somerset council handed its 26 homes to a non-profit making company which it had set up. However a draft report from the audit commission, passed to *The Times*, warns that "central government may amend the income support regulations to ensure that no additional costs fall on central funds."

Local policing system to be introduced in London

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is introducing a radical new policing system for London over the next two years which will tie officers much more closely to the communities they police, give them greater power to tailor policing to local needs and increase crime detection.

The Yard is adopting a system known as total geographic policing, first introduced in Surrey two years ago. London's police divisions will be divided into sectors, each with its own teams responsible for policing 24 hours a day. The system, part of the Plus programme to improve London policing, has already been introduced in parts of Brixton, where it is said to be very successful in improving links with the local community. The formation of a strong liaison between police and the community is said to have played a central role in removing many of the area's public order problems.

Total geographic policing is seen by the Yard as a response to calls from the public for a return to the traditional local officer on the beat who knew and was known by the people he policed.

Under the system the teams, each led by a sergeant, are answerable to an inspector in charge of the sector. The police will liaise with a sector community group based on local neighbourhood watches or residents' and tenants' organisations. Each sector will be supported by operations, information and technology from the local stations. Emergency cover will be available from divisional headquarters or the Yard. The system calls for a graded response to calls depending on their urgency and places fresh emphasis on crime prevention.

Scotland Yard has agreements to change working practices to allow for more flexible cover by the sector officers. Improved liaison is hoped to lead to better information which the police could use to reduce crime.

Total geographic policing grew out of experiments in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, in the early 1980s which led to a two-tier system. Some officers worked in the normal way on patrol and answering calls; others concentrated on particular areas working more flexibly.

The experiment was seen as giving a police team "ownership" of an area — allowing it to provide a constant presence in an area and use information to and from the community to detect criminals. The use of teams dedicated to one area won public approval but the normal system of responding to emergencies was also appreciated.

The Surrey system emphasises that policing responds to demands and not to time, developing the idea of service to a community rather than simple law enforcement. The system goes much further than Skelmersdale, creating information units to help sector teams and dividing the county into 44 units each overseen by an inspector and overall covering 744,000 residents.

There have been difficulties caused by manpower demands, and opposition from some ranks. Nonetheless an inspector of constabulary's report on the force earlier this year complimented it on the system and praised the improved service to the public.

Complaints watchdog 'may be needed'

By STEWART TENDLER

A POLICE complaints ombudsman may be needed to keep the public informed and reassured that the complaints investigation system is working properly, according to Roland Moyle, who retired last week as head of the Police Complaints Authority's investigation section.

Unless the PCA does more to sell itself to the public, the authority may founder, Mr Moyle said. Politicians who believed that the PCA lacks public confidence would create a completely independent investigation system, rather than using the police, supervised by the PCA. This, however, would take years to establish, and would be expensive and not very practical.

Mr Moyle, deputy chairman of the PCA since its inception in 1985, said: "The supervision of investigation by the authority as an experiment has been technically successful. I believe investigations are done properly and efficiently. The real problem is to get the public to appreciate this."

If the PCA chairman were a parliamentary commissioner he would gain extra independence, Mr Moyle said, and be responsible to a Commons select committee and talk to MPs across the political spectrum. They could then inform their constituents.

Mr Moyle said that the authority had yet to comment on investigations into police misconduct in Notting Hill, which began in 1985, or investigations started in 1988 into Scotland Yard's operations against football hooligans. Faced with silence, the public became critical. However, Mr Moyle said, the PCA's work-rate was good.

The creation of an independent unit totally removed from the police could speed up work because the PCA would control priorities rather than relying on police. It might also create higher Chinese walls between investigation of complaints and investigation of a complainant. However, Mr Moyle sees the idea as a last resort. "It would be fairly horrendous and would mean setting up an organization about the size of a force of 1,000 officers. The PCA costs about £3 million a year but this would be about £40 million."

Mr Moyle, a former Labour MP, said the PCA could have increased social harmony more if it were more open.

SIMON GROSSET



Shopping for votes: the actress Prunella Scales endorses Huw Edwards, the Labour candidate, as he campaigns for support in Abergavenny

No names, but the line from Monmouth is clear

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WITH less than two weeks of campaigning left in the Monmouth by-election, Labour yesterday decided it was time to remind the voters of their late Tory MP's record.

No name was mentioned. There was not even the merest hint of criticism of Sir John Stradling Thomas. Such distasteful attacks on the dead could prove counter productive in Labour's drive to overturn a 9,350 majority. Few, however, who heard the Labour candidate's description of what he believed were the duties of an MP doubted whose record he had in mind.

Sir John, dubbed "silent knight" because of his lack of Commons interventions, had been accused by constituents of a reluctance to ask parliamentary questions.

Huw Edwards, Labour's candidate, said the government had neglected the largely rural constituency even though Monmouth had returned a Tory for 21 years. "Electors in the constituency want an MP with a full-time commitment to the job. We need a strong voice to make sure this constituency's views are heard. We need a representative who is approachable and available for help."

He sought to undermine his Tory opponent, Roger Evans, a barrister. At his daily press conference in Chepstow, Mr Edwards, aged 38, said: "We need an MP who will work full-time as Monmouth's representative, without any other sideline."

He promised that if he won the by-election on May 16 he would open a properly staffed constituency office and hold regular advice surgeries and make sure everyone in Monmouth knew what he had done in parliament.

General election 1987: Sir John Stradling Thomas (Con) 22,387; K Gass (Lab) 13,037; C Lindley (SDP/All) 11,313; S Meredudd (PC) 363. Majority 9,350.

Laird deals blow to Labour over pay bargain reforms

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR'S hopes of winning employee support for wage bargaining reforms under a future Labour government were dealt a blow by the leader of the AEU engineering union yesterday.

Gavin Laird, general secretary of the moderate Amalgamated Engineering Union, attacked the latest version of the TUC's detailed proposals on its plan with Labour for a National Economic Assessment to settle questions about pay, training, investment and the national minimum wage.

Conservative ministers say Labour's plans for the economy fail to address the question of pay. Labour and TUC leaders have been edging towards an acceptable deal on pay, to the consternation of both union left-wingers, who feel it smacks of an incomes policy, and some right-wing leaders of craft unions, who are concerned that such an agreement could hold down high-pay differentials.

Union leaders recognise that Labour is likely to favour the proposal only if the unions are broadly united on it for fear of damaging the party's election chances.



Laird: supports free collective bargaining

The TUC was therefore pleased when it won agreement from all its main unions — including the AEU — to the idea of a national economic assessment which would look at the economy each autumn, decide broadly what could be afforded and apportion money accordingly.

AEU leaders said they could not agree to a minimum wage as part of the deal if that meant any kind of enforced restriction on freely negotiated pay rises. The TUC eventually found a compromise which said that a minimum wage would not prevent any union from negotiating a rate for the job.

But now the unions have agreed to it, Mr Laird — a strong supporter of free collective bargaining — has attacked the agreement as an attempt to reconcile two "incompatibles" — a national minimum wage and free bargaining.

In a statement, he said that the assessment would have to ensure incentives and assistance to manufacturing industry, European standards of employee participation and a big increase in training. If Labour did not deliver this then, Mr Laird said, "you can forget the minimum wage".

The assessment is likely to face further criticism at a TUC conference in London tomorrow on the future role of trade unions.

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Firms ready to help Kuwaiti schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH consortium has stolen a march on rivals for contracts to restore Kuwait's education system. Manufacturers of scientific equipment stand to make millions of pounds from negotiations due to start this week.

Foreign companies have been queueing for construction contracts. But the Gulf war left most schools undamaged structurally. Only a science research institute used by Iraq as a strategic command centre was destroyed by bombing.

However, equipment worth millions of pounds has been looted. Schools were used as barracks for Iraqi troops, and many are still littered with ammunition. The British Education Consortium for Kuwait, led by the British Council, was the only organisation prepared to offer a full range of services to enable schools and colleges to reopen in August.

A team led by Sir Timothy Raison, MP, the council's vice-chairman, held talks with Kuwaiti government officials last month. The consortium, which also includes the education department, John Laing, and Ove Arup, has been invited to tender for five contracts. As well as supplying and installing equipment, it would start up nursery and creche facilities to enable Kuwaiti women to replace expatriate teachers in girls' schools, and develop library and information resources.

Mr Thomas Craig-Cameron, head of the council's educational contracts department, who will lead the negotiations, said: "The Kuwaitis were attracted by our ability to offer impartial advice; there are no manufacturers in the consortium. They want to make up for the lost school year by opening early and having two crash semesters."

The consortium has also been asked to make long-term proposals. More Kuwaitis will need technical training if there is to be less reliance on expatriate labour, and changes are being considered in secondary education as a result.

Maintenance plan attacked as 'mean'

Six out of ten children will be no better off after the government introduces plans to chase maintenance payments from absent fathers, according to a report published today (Jill Sherman writes).

For children of single parents on benefit, that ratio rises to nine out of ten, the report from the Family Policy Studies Centre says. The centre accuses the government of being "mean-minded and penny pinching" over its plans that will benefit the Treasury more than lone-parent families. Under the child support bill, which passes to the Commons this week, a child support agency will be set up to track down absent fathers.

Those fathers will have to pay maintenance according to a formula, which will be deducted pound for pound from lone parents who receive income support.

Unfair title

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission has ruled that the title of a Channel 4 Equinox documentary on techniques claimed to alter a person's state of mind was unfair. The programme was screened in October under the title *The Mind Benders*. Two practitioners of a technique called Hemi-Sync complained that they agreed to take part on the understanding that it would be called *Open Mind*.

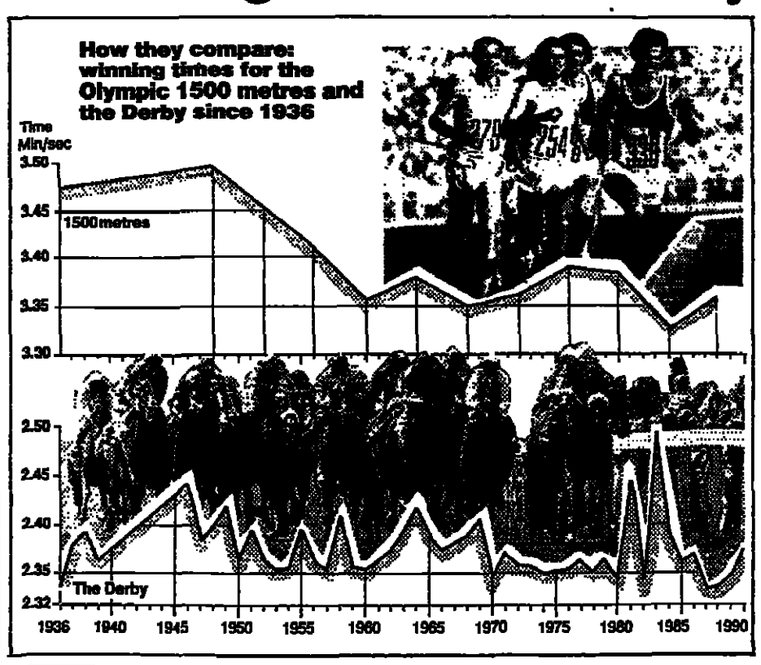
Petrol increase

Rural-based Irish drivers are to face higher motoring costs because a government decision to remove price controls on petrol and diesel oil is expected to reduce the number of petrol pumps in Ireland later this year. Most of the closures will be in country areas, as oil companies will be allowed to charge more for deliveries — a factor that will be reflected in the cost of a gallon.

Kurdish concert

The Princess of Wales is to attend a pop concert organised to raise money for Kurdish refugees and victims of war on Sunday. The concert at Wembley Arena is the centrepiece of the £10 million British Red Cross Simple Truth Appeal. Performers will include Chris de Burgh, Sinead O'Connor, MC Hammer, Peter Gabriel, New Kids on the Block, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon, and Sting.

Thoroughbreds beaten by the lactic acid test of time



By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TOP racehorses have hit a physiological ceiling that is preventing them from improving their times in the English classics, an Irish professor of animal genetics has concluded. To overcome it, different breeding and training methods will be needed.

The most likely reason for the stagnation in performance in the Derby, the Oaks and the St Leger is what human fitness enthusiasts call "feeling the burn" — the build-up of lactic acid in the muscles as a result of the breakdown of glycogen during prolonged exercise.

Patrick Cunningham, writing in *Scientific American*, argues that the lactic acid limit is the most likely reason why performance has stagnated over longer distances while it continues to improve over the sprints. St Leger times have not improved since 1910, and Mahmoud set the record for the Derby in 1936.

On the assumption that track performance is about 35 per cent inherited, Professor Cunningham and Barry Gaffney, of Trinity College, Dublin, have worked out how rapidly it ought to be improving. Their figure agrees remarkably well with the trend in the Timeform ratings for more than 11,000 three-year-old thoroughbreds.

"Yet, contrary to our conclusion, the fact remains that modern thoroughbreds are not bettering the times of their forebears in the English classic races," Professor Cunningham writes. "If steady genetic improvement is occurring, how can we explain static winning times?"

There are, he says, two possibilities. One is that horses cannot circulate blood quickly enough to carry oxygen to the muscles to regenerate adenosine triphosphate, the molecular fuel for muscle contraction. Evidence suggests, however, that a horse's blood flow can rise in line with exercise so a failure of oxygen supply does not seem likely.

More probable, Professor Cunningham suggests, is the lactic acid wall. During prolonged exercise, a horse depends on a second source of muscle power, the breakdown of glycogen in the absence of oxygen to create lactic acid. The evidence is, he says, that at a horse's maximum effort, the elimination of lactic acid from the muscles lags and sets a limit to performance.

None of this is new to athletes, who for years have been devising ways of improving the lactic acid clearance rate. Racehorse trainers have not so far tried to do so.

A second approach might be to select more efficient lactic acid metabolism in breeding.

The real obstacle is that nobody much cares that times have stagnated. The prizes go to the winners, regardless of times. If human athletes took the same view, the mile record would still be four minutes six seconds, as it was the year Mahmoud won the Derby.

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EC plans sweeping controls on tobacco advertising

By ALICE THOMSON

TOBACCO advertising in newspapers, magazines and on hoardings may be banned within the next two years.

The European Commission meets today to consider the proposed ban on the recommendation of the health and social affairs commissioner, Vasso Papandreou, of Greece, who is one of the few heavy smokers in the commission. Last November she won approval for sweeping new controls on the labelling of tobacco products. Now she is pushing for member states to ban all written promotion of tobacco products.

The 17-member commission will be discussing a draft text for a directive to ban all printed cigarette advertising from July 1993 at the earliest. France, Portugal, Italy and Spain have already banned written tobacco advertising but the tobacco lobby is still formidable and Mrs Papandreou faces stiff opposition. Governments in The Netherlands, Germany, Britain and Denmark believe that self-regulation is a better option.

In Britain smoking is a multi-million pound business. The ban would knock an estimated £60 million a year off the balance sheets of advertising agencies, who could lose some of their biggest accounts. Advertisement Association figures show that newspapers face losing about £50 million a year in advertising revenue and weekend colour supplements £18 million a year. The Treasury earns £6 billion a year from VAT and duty on tobacco, although anti-smoking groups believe patients who smoke cost the NHS £500 million a year.



Papandreou: the heavy smoker who wants a ban

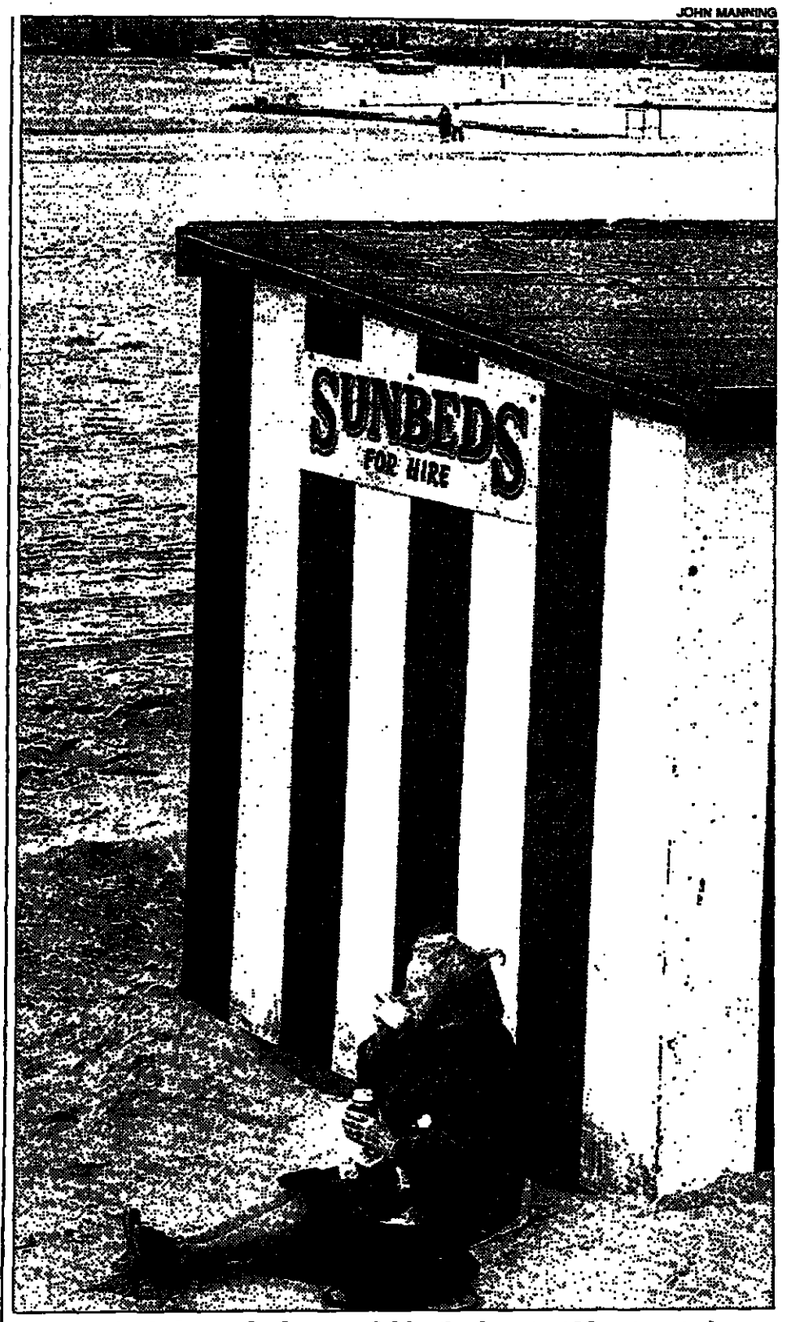
A ban would delight anti-smoking campaigners who want all promotional activities by tobacco companies to be stopped. Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) brought out a report last year called: "Smoke still gets in my eyes," which stated that £10 million alone was spent on advertising in women's magazines in 1989 and that seven million women between 15 and 24 were regularly exposed to tobacco advertisements in magazines. The report said that 35,000 women die each year in Britain from smoking-related diseases. ASH also says that the tobacco industry needs to advertise because 300 new customers are needed daily to replace those lost to undertakers.

Two weeks ago health secretary William Waldegrave signed a three-year voluntary contract on promotion of cigarettes to remove half the permanent poster sites outside newsagents in the next five years. The industry is already forbidden to advertise on television and in cinemas.

The department of health said yesterday: "The government has always taken the line that voluntary agreement is better than an outright ban".

The British Medical Association welcomed the initiative and said the government should stop making agreements with the tobacco industry and face up to its responsibilities for health. It said that a legal ban on all advertising was now long overdue.

JOHN MANNING



Beach for the brave: a hardy woman defying the elements at Margate yesterday

Eight die in bank holiday road crashes

By ROBIN YOUNG

EIGHT people died in road crashes yesterday as the bank holiday brought a familiar pattern of tailbacks and traffic jams in spite of chilly weather.

Dean Thomas, aged 24, of Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, died after his Vauxhall Cavalier went out of control on a country lane between Woolford and Cherrington, Warwickshire. A 47-year-old woman was killed when she stepped into the path of a car on the A452 at Blackdown, Leamington.

Lawrence Western, aged 72, died after his BMW collided head-on with a Volvo on the A39 between Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Another driver, believed to be from Tamworth, Staffordshire, died when his Carlton collided with with an Astra on the A460 at Wedges Mills, near Cannock.

Jamie Woods, aged 18, and Paul Moulton, aged 22, died when their Toyota pick-up crossed the central reservation and crashed on the A1 near Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Two people were killed and four seriously injured when a Colt saloon veered across the A338 into the path of a Volvo near Salisbury, Wiltshire. The man driving the Volvo and Ruth Hawksworth, aged 68, of Braunston, Leicester, a passenger in the Colt, were killed.

A parachutist was killed Tilstock Airfield, near Whitchurch, Shropshire, yesterday, when his parachute failed to open.

Police identified a 17-year-old boy whose clothed body was recovered from the sea near Criccieth, North Wales, as Stewart Davies of Wallasey, Merseyside, who had been staying at his parents' holiday chalet at Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog. His wallet and jacket were missing.

An RAF helicopter rescued a holidaymaker who had broken his leg trying to climb up Beachy Head. Sandwich, in Kent, was sealed off by police as 11,000 people tried to get to an annual boot fair. Only residents were allowed past the roadblocks.

Long tailbacks were reported at Conway and Rhuallt hill, east of St Asaph on the A55, last night as holiday-makers headed home.

Treatment by toxin benefits arthritic sufferers

By THOMSON PRENTICE
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN EXPERIMENTAL version of the anti-cancer drug interleukin-2 has significantly improved the condition of rheumatoid arthritis sufferers, American researchers say. The drug produced such remarkable benefits that one disabled woman was able to go dancing, and another said she felt "like Cinderella".

The genetically engineered drug combines an interleukin protein, derived from the human immune system, with the toxin released from the bacteria that cause diphtheria. The treatment, called fusion toxin, appears to seek out and destroy specific white blood cells that in rheumatoid arthritis mistakenly attack the lining tissue of joints.

Results of a pilot study of the drug, involving 13 patients, were presented at a meeting in Seattle of the American Society for Clinical Investigation by researchers in Boston. The patients, with severe forms of the disease, were given daily injections of the drug for a week. Four showed dramatic improvement, and eight had at least some response.

Lea Sewell, a physician at the Beth Israel hospital, Boston, who gave the results, said: "Three of the patients felt like they did not have arthritis. It's really remarkable pain control."

A different form of interleukin-2 has been used in clinical trials as a cancer treatment, but has not been licensed either in America or Britain because of doubts about its safety and efficacy. hat version was at the centre of a dispute at the Christie hospital, Manchester, last February when a consultant claimed a cancer patient was being denied it because of its high cost. The drug's manufacturers, Eurocetus, eventually provided it free.

The new drug, developed by a biotechnology company, Seragen, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, is also being tested in America as a treatment for some forms of blood cancer. Its use against rheumatoid arthritis is restricted to the Boston hospital, where larger numbers of patients are being recruited for a further study.

Murder enquiry as accountant vanishes

By BILL FROST

POLICE will today resume their search for Simon Law, an accountant who they believe was abducted from his home in the village of Elmsted, Kent, last month. Det Supt Owen Taylor, who is leading the investigation, said yesterday: "We are treating this as a murder enquiry. Given the circumstances of Mr Law's disappearance, it has looked that way from the start."

Mr Law, aged 35, went missing from his 17th-century farmhouse just over a fortnight ago. Police are anxious to trace the two occupants of a red Vauxhall Astra car seen in the village before and after the accountant went missing. Mr Taylor said the two men were South Africans. They are believed to have left the country soon after Mr Law's disappearance. Later this week detectives from the Kent force are due to fly to South Africa, where they will be investigating the accountant's business dealings with a cargo container leasing business.

Mr Law's girl friend, Tara Phillips, first became suspicious when he failed to join her in London for a dinner date. She drove to Elmsted and found the farmhouse empty. After speaking to neighbours Miss Phillips contacted police.

Last year the missing accountant was interviewed in London by a senior South African police officer and an official from the exchange control branch of the South African Reserve Bank. Mr Law was a witness helping with an enquiry into an alleged currency fraud involving leased cargo containers.

Miss Phillips said that she was convinced Mr Law had been abducted by contract killers hired in South Africa.

Warrior deaths 'hidden in red tape'

By RAY CLANCY

FAMILIES of three soldiers who died in the Gulf war when an American plane accidentally opened fire on the British 1st Armoured Brigade yesterday called on the government to release details of the official enquiry because of conflicting reports of the incident.

They said it was deplorable that the Ministry of Defence was refusing to give them details when its report was almost finished and that the United States Air Force had not yet completed its part of the enquiry.

"We want to know what happened when our sons died. The official statement given out by the army at the time conflicts widely with reports given to us by those who survived the attack. We believe red tape is holding things up," said Mel Gillespie, of Tynemouth, whose son, Fusilier Richard Gillespie, aged 19, died when an American A-10 plane attacked two Warrior armoured vehicles by mistake. A total of nine soldiers died in the incident during the battle to liberate Kuwait in February.

"It is nearly ten weeks now and all we have heard from the defence ministry is a deathly silence. They are serious questions to be addressed here." He said if the original account of the attack, taking place at night during the heat of a battle when visibility was poor, was to be believed "then we all understand that in terms of war these things can happen," said Mr Gillespie.

However, with the families of Fusilier Paul Atkinson, aged 19, of Co Durham, and Fusilier Kevin Leech, aged 20, of Prudhoe, Northumberland, Mr Gillespie is determined to find out all the details so that any shortcomings can be rectified.

"If it was simply a matter of markings not being visible them perhaps something can be done to make sure this sort of thing does not happen, perhaps better identification for friendly vehicles," he said. "If there is more to it we should be told."

Soldiers who survived the attack, including Mark Leech, aged 18, a Royal Fusilier, who saw his brother Kevin die, have told a very different story. According to them the Warriors were in a column of 72 vehicles that had been parked for about 40 minutes after completing an attack on a gun emplacement. They have said visibility was good, about five miles, and many of the soldiers were actually out of their vehicles resting when the American planes flew over at about 200ft. One plane came in a second time and fired the fatal missiles that his the Warriors.

The families have taken legal advice to ensure the true version of events comes out. One option is to press for the inquest, which was adjourned sine die, to be re-opened, but they would prefer simply to be given details enquiry to put "our minds at rest".

A spokesman for the defence ministry said last night that the report by the army was almost finished and details would be given to the families. "We are in contact with all the families and hope to be able to tell them exactly under what circumstances their sons died. The report might be made public but not neccessarily in its entirety," he said, but was unable to say when. He confirmed that the enquiry was conducted jointly with the United States Air Force, which has not yet completed its investigation, and the results of that would have to be examined before making the official report public.

Judge in TV call to legalise soft drugs

JUDGE Pickles is to make his case for legalising cannabis and other soft drugs in his own television programme. He will advocate sweeping changes to Britain's drugs laws in a 40-minute BBC documentary that he has written and will present and narrate.

The outspoken judge will make his case in "Losing the Battle to Win the War", part of BBC2's new series of *Byline*, to be screened on June 11, three weeks before he retires from the bench.

Judge Pickles, aged 66, will review the argument for legalising all drugs — including heroin and cocaine — using evidence and interviews from addicts, a dealer, police in London and Amsterdam, and a psychiatrist. He will evaluate the cost-saving to Dutch police of not taking action against possession of cannabis for "own use".

Speaking from his home at Halifax, West Yorkshire, Judge Pickles yesterday defended his decision to make the programme, and said: "The very fact that drugs are illegal drives up the prices. Racketeers move in, import and push the drugs and users have to steal to buy them." There was no evidence that more people would use drugs if they were legalised, he said.



Pickles: in documentary while still a judge

Royal tribute to 'underground' heroes

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN VALENCAY, FRANCE

QUEEN Elizabeth the Queen Mother paid tribute yesterday to the men and women of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) who died on active service during the second world war.

In what was the heart of French Resistance country, not far from where the first SOE agent was parachuted into France and smuggled to safety, she laid a wreath to inaugurate a stark monument bearing the 104 names of those who did not return.

Among the crowd round the memorial, eagerly awaiting her arrival despite the drizzle, were several dozen special visitors from the United Kingdom. Many of these former agents were frail, but bore their British and French decorations with pride.

The next of kin of those killed in action, under torture or in nazi concentration camps, sat through the rain and cold waiting to pay their own tribute before the two tall columns that symbolised the partnership of SOE and the Resistance. With them were the son and daughter of Colonel Maurice Buckmaster, commander of SOE's F Section, which recruited, trained and dispatched volunteers from half a dozen countries into areas under German control.

A guard of honour of elderly men, former Resistance fighters in the area, flanked the approach to the grassy mound. Each bore the treasured banner of his old comrades' association and determined to ignore the penetrating cold.

One of them, a gaunt, grey-haired man, knees buckling as he fought to stand upright, was supported by the arms of those beside him long enough to see the Queen Mother arrive in the Rolls-Royce of the British Ambassador to Paris, Sir Ewen Fergusson.

Finally he collapsed into the arms of several gendarmes, but his standard was caught immediately by a comrade who held it proudly aloft as the Queen Mother passed by. When she paused to speak to him in her serviceable French the crowd burst into applause.

There was another murmur of appreciation when the former SOE agent Harry Rea delivered a brief but touching speech about the spirit that had united his comrades in the face of danger "in search of a common goal".

Many of the French spectators were far too young to remember the German occupation, but around Valencay there was a special awareness of what was sacrificed. Ideally placed in the Indre region at the centre of France and surrounded by thick woods that provided perfect cover for guerilla operations, the area nourished the Resistance to great and telling effect.

At one point 1,500 *Maquis* fighters in the northern Indre region were operating under the command of SOE's "Pauline" — alias Pearl Witherington, who was back on her old stamping ground yesterday. Operating from the dense Gatine Forest near by, they launched repeated attacks on the nazis. The inevitable reprisals hit Valencey and its inhabitants so hard that after the war it received the honoured title of "martyred town".

The SOE memorial was conceived on the initiative of the indomitable Pauline, who became Mme Pearl Cornioley when she married a Frenchman whom she met after being parachuted into the region.

The memorial's striking design was taken from a model provided by another British woman, Elisabeth Harrington of the Royal Air Force Escaping Society, and the funds were raised by an association representing veterans of the struggle from all the countries that took part.

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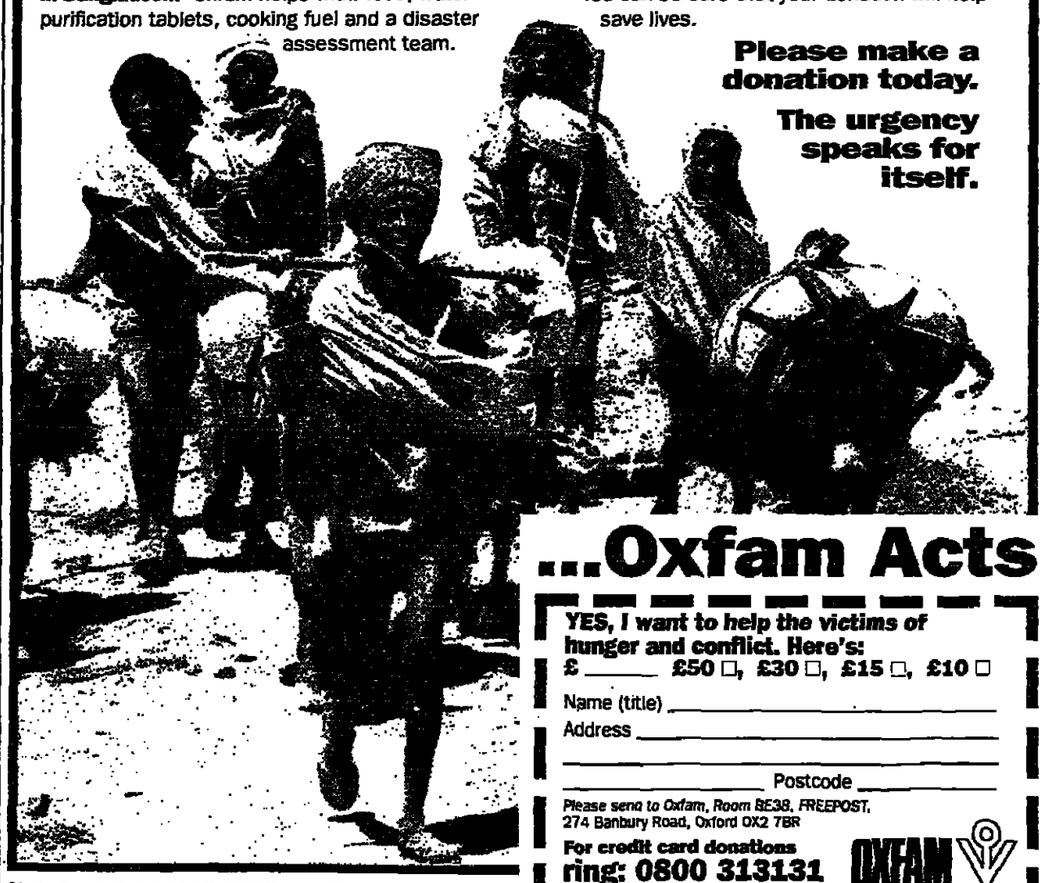
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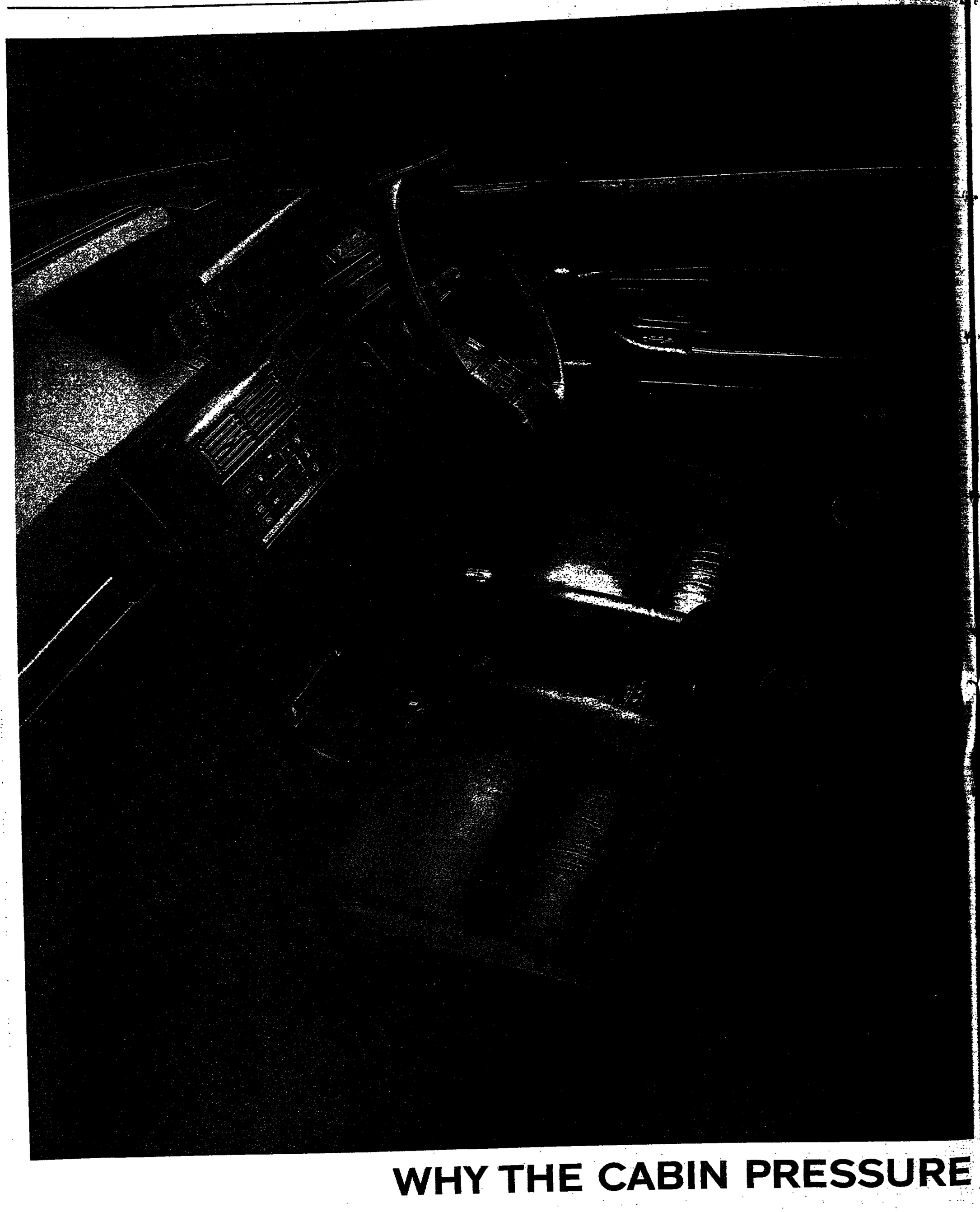
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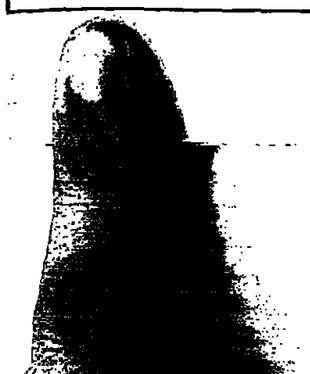
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Growing dole queue may be behind Tory poll losses

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT may have been a significant factor in the Conservative party's heavy losses in the local elections, according to an analysis by *The Times* of unemployment change in marginal seats.

Party strategists have virtually ruled out a June general election following the results of last week's elections, which saw a net 850 loss of Tory seats, the highest for any party in those elections.

Many of the Conservatives' most notable losses were in the South, where the recession has hit hardest and where unemployment has risen most quickly. Earlier this year, an analysis by *The Times* of each parliamentary constituency showed unemployment rising five times as fast in Conservative-held seats as in those held by the Labour party.

Government figures to be published next week will show a further increase in unemployment. Last month saw the highest-ever monthly increase on record as seasonally adjusted unemployment rose back above two million. Many economic forecasters expect unemployment to reach 2.75 million this year.

Close attention at the next general election will focus on the swing seats, the marginals where the voting difference between the parties is at its closest. Last week's local election results gave an indication of how those marginals might change.

A computer analysis by *The Times* of unemployment change in these marginal parliamentary constituencies — using Essex university's translation of local election data into general election results — suggests that rising unemployment might well have played a significant part in the results. The analysis shows that in virtually all the marginal seats in the South which would be lost by the Conservatives on the basis of the local election results, the rate of change in unemployment was significantly higher than the national average. In many cases in the North and Midlands the position was similar.

Taking the most recent available year-on-year figures, for the 12 months to February this year, unadjusted unemployment across Great Britain rose by 23.5 per cent, from 1,576,800 to 1,947,600.

Over the same period, the increase in unemployment in a number of key Conservative marginal constituencies that the local election results suggested would switch to Labour in a general election included: Basildon (71.4 per cent), Slough (67.6 per cent), Swindon (60.8 per cent), Corby (56.9 per cent), Ipswich (47.6 per cent), Peterborough (44.2 per cent) and Southampton Test (43.1 per cent). All these southern constituencies show increases in unemployment considerably higher than the national average.

Constituencies which would switch to the Liberal Democrats included St Albans (88.6 per cent increase in unemployment), Cambridge (58.3 per cent), Southend (50.4 per cent) and Bath (46.5), the seat held by Chris Patten, Conservative party chairman. On average, unemployment in Conservative-held marginals that the local election results suggest would switch rose by half as much again as the national average rise.

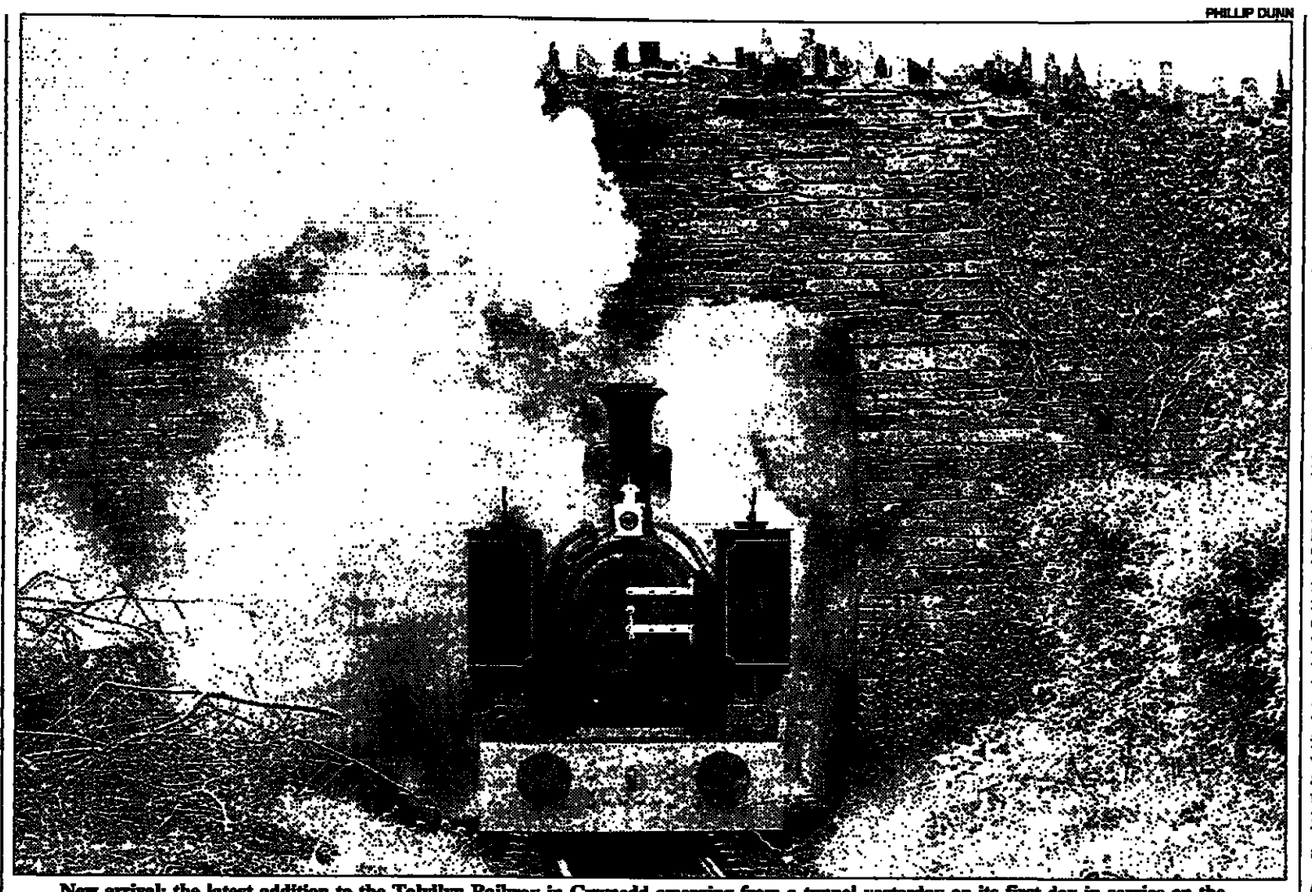
Ministers publicly dismiss any connection between rising unemployment and electoral choice, though privately a number of MPs are worried by its political impact. Michael Howard, employment secretary, says that concentrating on rises in unemployment distorts the position since the number of jobless in areas such as Slough or Swindon is work much lower than in Labour seats.

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Marginals	Election forecast[1]	% rise in jobless[2]
Conservative/Labour		
Basildon	Lab	71.4
Brmnghm Nrthfld Selly Oak	Con	4.8
Yardley	Con	12.2
	Lib/D	16.1
Bolton West	Lab	14.4
Bristol East	Lab	32.3
Bury North	Con	16.8
Bury South	Lab	22.5
Corby	Lab	56.9
Coventry SW	Con	3.7
Daveyhulme	Con	16.6
Dover	Lab	23.4
Dudley West	Con	26.9
Elmet	Lab	19.3
Ipswich	Lab	47.6
Keighley	Con	26.8
Nottingham East South	Lab	18.8
	Lab	17.4
Peterborough	Lab	44.2
Slough	Lab	67.6
Stmpton Itchen Test	Lab	37.3
	Lab	43.1
Stockport	Lab	19.8
Swindon	Lab	60.8
Waveney	Lab	21.0
Wlvrhampton NE	Lab	5.1
York	Lab	7.4
Con/Lib Democrat		
Bath	Lib/D	46.5
Cambridge	Lab	58.3
Cheadle	Con	27.1
Crosby	Con	11.8
Hazel Grove	Lib/D	30.4
Leeds NE	Con	11.8
Leeds NW	Con	14.9
Pudsey	Con	33.1
St Albans	Lib/D	88.6
Shipley	Con	30.3
Southend W	Lib/D	50.4
Total for Britain		23.5

[1]Predicted outcome at next general election.
[2]Percentage rise in unemployment over the past 12 months.

PHILLIP DUNN



New arrival: the latest addition to the Talyllyn Railway in Gwynedd emerging from a tunnel yesterday on its first day in service on the Victorian 2ft 3in gauge line. The locomotive has been called Tom Rolt after the man who inspired the line's rescue from closure 40 years ago

MPs want tiddlywink 5p piece withdrawn

By RAY CLANCY

THE tiny new 5p coin and its overweight elderly companion, the 50p piece, ought to be removed from circulation, MPs have decided. Both are dismissed as unwanted in a report of the House of Commons Treasury select committee to be published on May 20.

The report, a result of a two-month enquiry by the committee into the state of British currency, during which evidence was heard from Bank of England and Royal Mint officials, says that the coins were introduced without proper consultation.

The 5p coin came into circulation last June and was hailed by John Major, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, as "a fine coin, a beautiful coin, a return to a coin like the much-loved sixpence, and issued in response to public demand for lighter coins". The committee, however, takes the view that the coin is despised as tiddlywink money and looks like small change left over from an Italian holiday.

The seven-sided 50p piece has been the butt of complaints since it started to wear out trouser pockets 22 years ago. It is also unpopular with the clearing banks. Nobody seems to want it and the banks are at present holding in storage 50p pieces to the value of £25 million.

County opponents lose vital leader

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE threat of abolition hanging over county councils in England and Wales has been eased by the defeat of one of their strongest opponents in last week's local government elections.

The Conservative contender for the chairmanship of the Association of District Councils lost his seat in what should have been a safe Tory ward in Horsham, West Sussex, leaving the campaign to scrap the counties without a leader.

Brad Watson, a water treatment engineer, had been groomed to succeed Roy Thomason, the outspoken Tory solicitor from Bournemouth, who transformed the association from a haven for retired aldermen to a dynamic force for change.

Under association rules Mr Thomason, who underwent open heart surgery at Easter, must step down in July without a clear successor of equal calibre in sight. His crusade against the counties has been credited with setting the agenda for the government's review of local government structure and influencing ministers to opt for a single tier of unitary authorities.

Leaders of the 330 district councils in England and Wales which belong to the association will meet this week to discuss the election result which has also seriously weakened the position of the ruling Tory group.

Having made a brave dash through the enemy's front line the association now faces being outflanked and cut off by the newly confident Association of County Councils, headed by its increasingly vocal secretary, Robin Wendt.

Although Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, has insisted that local people will be consulted about the future shape of local government in their area the overall direction of the reforms will be dictated at national level. The influence of the two associations, both under Tory control, will be decisive in shaping government policy.



Thomason: no obvious successor in sight

The districts set out to wipe county councils off the map but Mr Heseltine is known to favour a compromise in which large towns and cities outside metropolitan areas would become unitary authorities similar to the old county boroughs.

District council leaders fear that without strong prompting from them the government will come down in favour of basing the new unitary authorities outside the towns on the existing counties, albeit with some of the boundaries redrawn.

Mr Heseltine is also keen that the new Local Government Commission which will oversee the restructuring of local government, should ensure that new authorities command local loyalty. The districts saw this as the death knell for Avon, Humberside and probably Cleveland. But they too are vulnerable. Many districts are artificial creations of the 1974 reforms.

The low turnout for local government elections demonstrates the low level of public interest in matters municipal. District council arguments about accountability may cut less ice than appeals to traditional county loyalty.

A senior district council leader said: "We are very exposed. We have no obvious successor for Roy Thomason but if we falter we will lose our chance to redraw the map of local government in England and Wales."

Mr Wendt, for the counties, said: "County councils already provide 85 per cent of local government services in their areas. They are the natural choice as the new unitary authorities. The districts have fought a noisy campaign but as the dust settles I think we will come to see that people's natural loyalties lie with the counties."

Villages offered cash help for halls

Village halls are to be offered about £500,000 in grants over the next five years to help them to flourish as centres of social activity in rural areas.

The money is from the Carnegie UK Trust, set up in 1913 by Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish-born philanthropist who made his fortune in America. Priority will be given to village halls in centres with populations of under 3,000 that have lost local services.

Projects to help young people, young mothers, pensioners and the unemployed will be supported. The money might also be used for interior refurbishment or new equipment, but will not cover building repairs. The trust is based at Comely Park House, Dunfermline, Fife.

Penhaligon case

The family of David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP for Truro who was killed in a crash with a van on an icy road in 1986, is to begin a High Court action for damages today against Tony Barry, the van driver, and Cornwall county council.

Car sale fails

A 1955 Maserati raced by Stirling Moss was withdrawn from sale yesterday when it failed to reach its reserve. The car was expected to fetch £1 million at the Sotheby's auction in Monaco but bidding failed to go above £700,000.

Man shot

Police were last night seeking two men who blasted a man in the legs with a shotgun as he sat in a Liverpool public house on Sunday.

Pupils sick

Two cases of dysentery have been confirmed at Thorn primary school in Gipton, Leeds, where there have been pupils with hepatitis A. Parents are worried about poor hygiene.

Killing charge

A mother aged 22 and her boy friend aged 25 where remanded in custody at Plymouth yesterday accused of manslaughter of the woman's three-year-old son.

Oil search

The oil company Elf UK is expecting approval this week for a 6,000-metre test drill for oil and gas at Amcotts, in Humberside, near the river Trent.

Labour council unable to shake off its culture of incompetence

NEXT week the Labour group in Lambeth, south London, will elect the council's leadership for the coming year. Whoever gets the job will have to cut another £8.3 million from the council's budgets. They will also inherit a climate of waste, inefficiency and sloth entrenched in the town hall's culture over the past 10 years.

Independent audits, carried out over the past five years, repeatedly emphasise the lack of control and management from politicians and chief officers. In 1986 Brian Skinner, the district auditor, said the council's financial difficulties were rooted in structural weaknesses in management. The council was then owed £50 million in rent and rates. Delay in setting the rate had increased arrears by 80 per cent. At the same time the council was operating a municipal laundry subsidised by ratepayers at £8 a wash."

In 1988 John Mwali, then director of management services, said the council had no proper planning beyond setting the budgets, and there was a "total absence of ensuring whether officers are meeting their targets". Chief officers resisted staff reductions as this threatened their empires, although in some cases it was "because they do not know how many staff they have in post". In 1989 the district auditor reported: "The council operates in an ethos of crisis management rather than one of forward planning."

Reg Race, former Labour MP, was brought in by the council later that year. His report in February 1990 said: "Throughout the council, there was a culture which tolerated incompetence and failure and which encouraged officers to believe they were not accountable for their actions."

Other Labour-controlled authorities have faced similar problems and have improved their performance. After abortive challenges to ratecapping in the mid-1980s by so-called hard left Labour groups, the more moderate new left Labour groups who took over

For ten years a left-wing council has suffered from financial difficulties, inefficiency and mismanagement. The trouble with Lambeth is assessed by Peter Victor

emphasised service and value-for-money for the electorate. Nalgo and Nupe, the town hall unions, were told that staff pay and conditions would be linked increasingly to performance.

In Lambeth council, however, the message was not driven home. Some council officers seem reluctant to use initiative, fearing political policy will change before they have completed their last set of instructions. "The safest thing is for them to do nothing," Dick Sorabji, a former council leader, said.

Staff operating in this climate are often less than assiduous. They arrive at work late, when not using sick leave — an average of 16 days a year. They refuse to answer colleagues' telephones and leave early. A no-cover policy brought in by Nalgo resulted in staff refusing to do colleagues' work when they were not in. There are now 89 children in the borough on the at-risk register without a social worker. One social service area office has been closed and two others have been amalgamated. Street sweeping and refuse collection are sources of constant complaint. More than 5,000 people are trying to take up the right to buy. Housing repairs have a huge backlog.

This, combined with the borough's recently capped poll tax level — formerly £590 but £402 now after capping and a £140 government reduction but still the highest in the country — is an electoral liability for Labour's national executive. The suspension of 13 Labour councillors — including Joan Twelves, the council leader, John Harrison, her deputy, and Julian Lewis, the chief whip — was motivated, in part at least, by the NEC's wish to reduce that liability.

Ms Twelves said: "Lambeth has a great deal of resistance to change. Without political push it does not happen." Outstanding debts were the result of high poverty and a highly mobile population, she said. "My priority is to get this council working properly, delivering services to the people who voted for us." Even the Tory opposition admits that she is trying to back her words with actions.

Why, then, with all the problems it should have been dealing with, did the Labour group bother with the kind of gesture politics for which it has become infamous? Mr Sorabji had two possible explanations. "Being a local politician in Lambeth is terrible," he said. "You don't have any money so all you can ever do is preside over making awful cuts. So, when they have a debate on the Gulf war, for a little while they can forget all that. They can have fun and go back to being working-class heroes or ultra-left heroes or whatever.

"The other thing is that for the last 10 years the government has been kicking the council in the head. If you kick someone in the head for 10 years you should expect signs of brain damage."



Twelves: "Political push is needed"; Race: "Council tolerated failure"

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Go green or sink, Heseltine tells British industry

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, will tonight call for a "green renaissance" of British industry, insisting that environmental competitiveness is becoming essential for commercial survival.

He will warn British firms that the raising of environmental standards in many countries is creating huge new international markets, offering substantial profits if they are seized but threatening commercial failure if they are ignored.

His warning, to be given in the Shell lecture at the Royal Society of Arts, injects a brutal note of realpolitik into the familiar admonitions to British industry to clean up its environmental act. Mr Heseltine is telling companies that in a world where rapidly toughening environmental regulation is changing the sort of goods that can be bought and sold, they will have to do it for the sake of the balance sheet, or go under.

Much of industry does not yet realise the situation, Mr Heseltine emphasised in an interview with *The Times*. The new markets, such as those in pollution control technology or environment-friendly goods, were "very very important and very very big". He said: "I just don't think the scale of it has worked through the system. Of course, some companies realise it, but if you say to me, at large, has this concept of profits through environmental standards reached every boardroom in the land, the answer is, no it hasn't."

Companies had no choice but to adapt, he said. "Governments across the world, particularly the developed world, are raising environmental standards and the only issue is which companies have the products to meet these changes. The choice is not whether we respond to this, but when. And the choice is much more, whether British companies anticipate and take a lead in what is happening, or allow themselves to be undercut by foreign firms who self-



Heseltine

"The only issue is which companies have the products to meet these new standards"

evidently are trading up their standards in these environmentally-sensitive fields. We are talking about extremely large sums of money. Big profits. The only choice is whether our competitors get it, or we get it."

Although Mr Heseltine is often viewed as an industrial interventionist, he does not want all the developing framework of environmental regulation for British industry to be imposed from on high by the government. New practices such as environmental auditing, he insists, will be better introduced by industry itself on a voluntary basis. Mandatory environmental auditing he sees as "way down the track", adding: "The better results will come in the early years from the voluntary co-operation of companies, and I think we will get it."

However, he feels that another development, eco-labelling, is now much closer, and thinks – "fingers crossed" – that the European Community will agree on a system of green labels for environment-friendly goods, such as CFC-free aerosols, before the end of this year. Mr Heseltine inherited a commitment from his predecessor as environment secretary, Chris Patten, to bring in Britain's own eco-label if EC agreement was not secured by the end of 1991. He said: "I was beginning to feel we would have to go ahead with a British scheme of our own, but it looks as though we are going to be all right. Once we've got the details, we are raring to go."

From today, British industry's own views on issues such as environmental auditing and eco-labelling will be channelled to government through the new advisory committee on business and the environment, a group of more than 20 senior industrialists, under the chairmanship of John Collins, chairman of Shell UK, which will advise both Mr Heseltine and Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary. The committee's full membership will be announced shortly.

Their role, Mr Heseltine said, would be to advise the government on best practice in environmental regulation, and to guide their peers in the business world. "For example, there is inevitable going to be a conflict between the people who argue that they can go fast [in environmental self-improvement] and those who argue that they can't afford to make progress. We need to have very clear advice as to where the truth lies."

The committee will meet at a private dinner in London tonight, to be addressed by Mr Heseltine and Mr Lilley.

PETER TREVINOR



Lionised: children found the lions friendlier than usual at London Zoo yesterday. A safe visit to their den and the chance to chat or shake a paw was one of many fund-raising events in the zoo's special May Day appeal

Maguire Seven appeal hearing begins

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal hearing into the conviction of Anne Maguire and six relatives 15 years ago for allegedly running an IRA bomb factory in northwest London begins today at the High Court.

The conviction of the seven was effectively discarded last year after Sir John May's enquiry into the Guildford Four and the Maguire case. Last month, counsel for Sir Allan Green, QC, director of public prosecutions, argued that the Maguire family's complaints had been aired at the enquiry, but the appeal judges rejected that argument, accepting that unless the seven had their names cleared in court the public would regard them with suspicion.

The Maguire Seven were arrested after Mrs Maguire was implicated by the confessions of two of the Guildford Four, Gerard Conlon and Paul Hill. The seven were jailed in March 1976 and an appeal was turned down in 1977. Six of them are free but the seventh, Guiseppe Conlon, Gerard's father, died in prison during his 12-year sentence.

Anne Maguire, now aged 54, and her husband Patrick, aged 57, were each jailed for 14 years. Patrick Maguire, their son, aged 29, received four years and another son, Vincent, aged 32, received five years. Mrs Maguire's brother, Sean Smyth, aged 52, was jailed for 12 years and Patrick O'Neil, a family friend, aged 49, for eight years.

The new appeal was announced after Sir John, a former appeal judge, heard new scientific evidence that the seven could have been innocently contaminated with nitro-glycerine. He said in his report that evidence at the trial was mishandled and misunderstood by the judge, now Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls. Sir John was critical of lawyers and scientists in the case and argued that some evidence was inadmissible.



Maguire: sentenced to 14 years in prison

Bishops battle to keep city grants

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

INNER city bishops are protesting against a Church Commissioners' decision to "reconsider" a £1 million grant to help drug addicts, alcoholics and the homeless.

The withdrawal of the annual grant to the Church Urban Fund by the Church Commissioners could affect the church's future ability to meet the needs of some of the poorest inner-city areas. The fund, which makes grants of £2.5 million a year for community projects, may halve the help it gives to inner cities, a spokesman said.

The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Mark Santer, has sent a strongly-worded letter to Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, on behalf of five bishops who say that the Church of England should practise what it preaches. Other bishops have also expressed concern.

The Church Commissioners have donated £2 million since Lord Runcie, former archbishop of Canterbury, set up the Church Urban Fund in 1988 after the publication of the controversial report, *Faith in the City*.

Martin Elengorn, the commissioners' general purposes secretary, said the grant was being reconsidered because of "a difficult financial situation". The Board of Governors will make a recommendation this month on whether to donate £1 million this year and the commissioners' will decide at their annual meeting in June.

More than half of the Bishop of Birmingham's 200 parishes are designated as urban priority areas. He said the money was important symbolically. It was unfortunate that this should happen under a new archbishop. "This could look like a change of policy, just when those not too friendly to the church have been wanting a change from social concern to a preaching of the harmless gospel."

The fund, now within £2 million of its £18 million target, has channelled more than £7 million into 300 projects in 34 dioceses. Grant applications can be for five times the money available. Most of the money has been raised by dioceses. Churchgoers in England contributed £4 million last year.

● Breaking the Chains of Poverty is launched today, a Christian campaign to increase awareness of growing poverty in Britain and challenge policies that exclude the poor.

Car workers seize chance of catching up on education

There is more to life than the car assembly line. **Kevin Eason** reports on academic fulfilment in Ford plants

THE university of life, endorsed by John Major as having contributed to his preparation for the nation's top job, has not been enough to satisfy hundreds of car workers thirsty for knowledge.

Men like Dave Kirby left school without qualifications, destined for a life on a Ford assembly line. However, when Mr Kirby leaves the Halewood plant on Merseyside each day, his thoughts are not on beer and television but on essays he must write to complete an ambitious degree course.

The Halewood foreman is taking part in an ambitious educational project run by Ford. Almost half of its British workforce, more than 20,000 workers, have joined the company's Employee Development and Assistance Programme, a £2 million-a-year scheme financing the study of a wide variety of subjects.

Managers and unions launched the scheme nearly two years ago and have been astounded by the response, which has encouraged Ford to set up 500 courses, many scheduled between shifts at its 22 British plants. Languages and computer studies are the two most popular courses, and many workers study for qualifications. The biggest demand came from Halewood, where managers have set up a degree course with the help of Liverpool Institute of Higher Education.

Mr Kirby, aged 48, says he left school "under a cloud", and followed friends into Ford. The work has been secure and well paid, but not enough to occupy a lively mind. Mr Kirby studied at night school for an English language GCSE and surprised himself by getting an A grade. That spurred him to take a degree course with the help of his employers.

"The assembly line can be mind-numbing," Mr Kirby said. "I never had the chance to study and I always felt I had missed out". After 23 years at Halewood, Mr Kirby will complete his career with Ford with early retirement, but he believes the degree will give him the chance of a second career, perhaps in social work. Like John Major, Mr Kirby sees study later in life as a personal goal. "I want the self-achievement," he said.

Anthony Armstrong, who assembles gear boxes, expects a degree to allow him a career in social work. "In a sense I am educating myself to do something new," Mr Armstrong, aged 40, said. "I was scared at first, because it is so difficult studying between shifts. I try to do some reading or make notes during lunchtime or in breaks."

When assembly-line men go to classes, they sit next to white-collar workers, often their bosses, who are used to writing reports and solving complex problems. Glyn Morgan, an employee-relations manager in charge of 1,500 workers, rejected a place at the London School of Economics after leaving school to pursue a 23-year career with Ford. He joined the degree course because the feeling that he achieved his professional ambition at the expense of a fuller education had never left him.

Under Ford's scheme, workers can have course costs met by a management that understands that it may be educating them for using new-found knowledge elsewhere. Bill Horrocks, senior education adviser at Halewood, said: "The old image of the worker just content to pick up the pay packet is long gone."

Chess round produces six wins

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE third round of the City of London international chess challenge at Guildhall saw a remarkable number of decisive games – six out of seven ended in wins. The exception was the clash between the grandmasters William Watson and Daniel King, which was postponed.

Results: Halifman (Germany) beat Larsen (Denmark); Plaskett (UK) beat Sadler (UK); Davies (Israel) beat Arkell (UK); Hodgson (UK) lost to Wells (UK); Suba (UK) beat Hector (Sweden) while Byrne (USA) lost to Conquest (UK). Scores after three rounds: Plaskett and Suba 2½ points; Watson 2 (1 postponed); Conquest, Davies, Halifman, Wells 2; Hodgson 1½; King 1 (1 postponed); Hector, Larsen 1; Sadler ½; Arkell, Byrne 0.

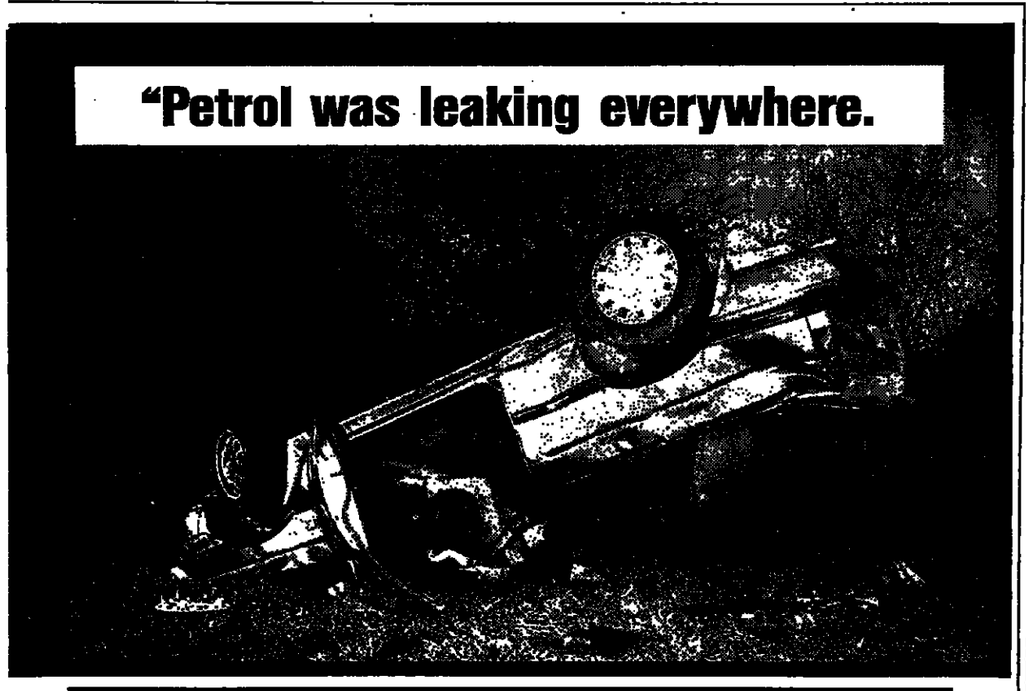
The tournament moves today to the offices of the joint sponsors, Watson, Farley and Williams, in the City.

Prescott's rail pledge

JOHN Prescott, Labour spokesman on transport, has pledged to electrify the Midlands main line if the party wins the next election. An electrified Midlands line was the key to unlocking the European market for Derbyshire industries, he said.

Speaking at a rally to mark the 157th anniversary of a strike by workers at Derby's Silk Mill, Mr Prescott said: "There are a lot of missing links in the country's transport network – this is one, and it needs completing."

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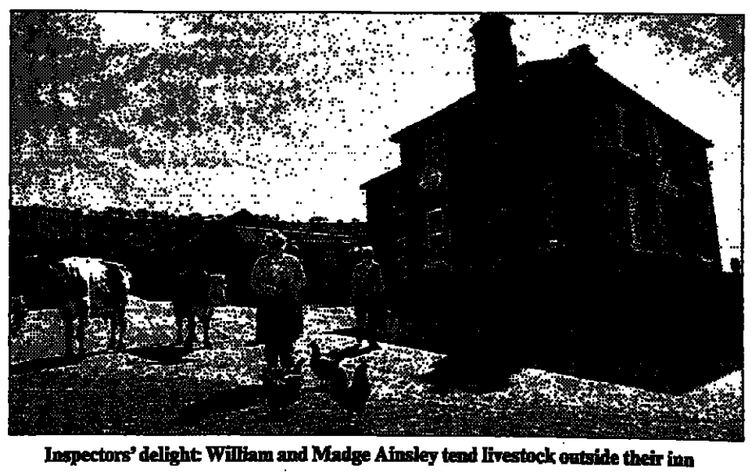
An inspector calls, and calls, and calls

By PETER DAVENPORT

ANYONE making a first visit to the Sun Inn at Bilsdale, North Yorkshire, might be forgiven for thinking that they had taken a wrong turning and steered their vehicle into a farmyard instead of a pub car park. Hens, cows and sheep wander around and there is a drone from beehives nearby.

In fact the inn, owned by William Ainsley and his wife Madge, is also a farmhouse. Mr Ainsley estimates that 25 different inspectors call on them, ranging from those from the agriculture ministry who check his beehives, sheep, cows and the quality of their milk, to licensing magistrates, the police, fire service and trading standards and hygiene officials from the North Yorkshire county council.

"I must admit I get a bit fed up with them all sometimes," Mr Ainsley said. "There is not a month goes by without at least one inspector calling, and sometimes it's more. It wouldn't be so bad if they would spend something while they were here. Since we went into Europe, the regulations have got worse, with the latest law being that we aren't allowed to carry lambs by their front legs even though it's the way its been done for 1,000 years around here. It's daft. It's the only way to carry a lamb so that the ewe can see it and follow where you want it to go."



Inspectors' delight: William and Madge Ainsley tend livestock outside their inn

There has been an inn on the site, on the road between Helmsley and Stokesley, since the 15th century. Mr Ainsley's family have been landlords since 1823. The original thatched pub, then owned by the Feversham estate, was closed in 1914 and the present stone building was put up just across the courtyard.

In 1944, Mr Ainsley's father bought the pub and farm, of which he had been tenant, and it was handed on to his son 20 years ago. Spout House Farm, a 96-acre holding with cows and sheep, is largely run by the Ainsley's son William. They also make honey.

The original inn has since been leased to North Yorkshire council by Mr Ainsley and is preserved as a museum, with its fixtures and fittings as they were when it closed. The Ainsleys' nearest neighbours are in the hamlet of Fangdale Beck seven miles away

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Exiles dream of comeback as royal stock rises in east Europe



Princess Maria-Luise: an emotional return to Sofia

THE political future of absent monarchs and the tentative claims of eastern Europe's displaced aristocrats are being given a welcome boost this week by the visit to Czechoslovakia of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The kings-in-waiting – Simeon of Bulgaria, Michael of Romania, even Leka of Albania – will be closely watching the British royal foray into post-communist Europe.

The region is not entirely virgin territory for the royal family. Princess Margaret was even in Hungary during the rule of Janos Kadar, the veteran communist, Prince Edward popped up in Warsaw the other day with a theatre troupe, and the Duke of Edinburgh has distant relatives scattered throughout central Europe. But the visit of the Prince and Princess is, as the rather awed Czechoslovak foreign ministry admitted, "very special and serious".

The monarchist option is being given serious consideration in the search by central and eastern Europe for a new political identity, Roger Boyes reports

The trip makes the post-communist governments confront the issue of royalty, the monarchical option that was shrugged off after the 1989 democratic revolutions. In Czechoslovakia, admittedly, the restoration of Habsburg rule seems a poor bet.

The heir to the old empire, Archduke Otto von Habsburg, is content to stay in the European Parliament. He has turned down an offer to stand for the presidency of Hungary. Even so, the Habsburg empire is remembered – perhaps not quite accurately – as a model of multinational tolerance.

Communist rule suppressed ethnic animosities, the post-communist governments are floundering under them; yet the Habsburgs managed to cope with dozens of squabbling minorities. In a recent interview, Dr Habsburg suggested that Czechoslovakia should evolve into a proper confederation, although Slovakia should provide guarantees for its Hungarian minority, and Yugoslavia become a confederation of independent states. There are several lobbies in central and eastern Europe for the restoration of monarchy.

In Bulgaria, the opposition Union of Democratic Forces is splitting into a centre-left faction and a right-wing grouping in which the monarchists have an increasingly powerful say. Last weekend thousands of Bulgarians, chanting "bring back Tsar Simeon", greeted the return of Princess Maria-Luise. She is the sister of the exiled Bulgarian king, who is planning his return from Spain. In Romania, the Peasant party is the most vociferous supporter of a restoration.

Monarchist parties and groups are also promoting Grand Duke Vladimir Romanov, the Russian heir, Prince Leka of Albania, and Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, but none of these exiled monarchs fits comfortably into the current political formulas; their hope is that the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales will be the first of many, and that a market, to use a crude bourgeois term, will be created.

The fortunes of the aristocratic families of eastern Europe – the prewar landowners and courtiers – do not hang on such slender threads. The drive to privatise the broken economies of the region has raised the question of who owns what. Often, the answer is that a noble family has legal title to great swaths of land. Western hotel chains are building on land bought from the state, but the state frequently has no right to sell.

Count Jan Zamoyski, who leads the Polish Landowners' Association into battle with the commoners running the Warsaw government, is raising the subversive question of how legitimate was the nationalisation, and if these laws are declared null and void, asking how sound is any part of the postwar legislation.

The younger aristocrats are also returning to the political stage. Count Zamoyski's son, Marcin, has become mayor of Zamosc, the city created by the royal chancellor, Jan Zamoyski, more than 400 years ago. Princess Anna Radzivill is deputy education minister, Prince Maciej Radzivill is helping in the privatisation ministry, and Prince Mikolaj Radzivill – once active in Solidarity when it was underground – is helping to set up an Aids centre.

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Gorbachev woos West to counter isolation

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Mitterrand had talks in Moscow yesterday, apparently as part of President Gorbachev's attempt to improve his image in the West and reduce the growing international isolation of the Soviet Union.

On Sunday, Mr Gorbachev, according to Tass, told Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, during a meeting in the Kremlin that he was concerned about "emerging signs that the United States is readjusting its attitude to the Soviet Union".

The news agency said he added that "this is reflected not only in statements, but also in certain economic and political steps. One needs to think constantly about the special value of relations between two such states, and refrain from putting them to unnecessary tests." Mr Gorbachev said there was a danger that the world would be plunged again into a "cold or semi-cold war".

The president also said that the Soviet press was being "choked with the abundance of oxygen it has suddenly received".

Vitali Churkin, the Soviet foreign ministry spokesman, yesterday singled out the slow pace of economic relations with America and "certain statements, maybe not deliberate" which "fanned separatist movements", as sources of Soviet dissatisfaction.

Washington handled both issues delicately at the summit last June, but it has been more forthright since the resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze as foreign minister, the killings in the Baltic republics in January, and the emergence of signs that the Soviet economy is disintegrating.

President Gorbachev was expected to discuss these problems and East-West disarmament with M Mitterrand.

Washington recently hinted that the superpower summit, which is planned for the first half of the year, was dependent on the resolution of arms issues. The lack of any diplomatic breakthrough during Mr Gorbachev's visit to Tokyo last month means that the Kremlin can no longer afford to maintain the nonchalant stance it adopted with Washington when success in Japan seemed more likely.

President Gorbachev told Mr Murdoch, according to Tass, that relations with America formed the "cornerstone" of Soviet foreign policy. This seems to suggest that the Kremlin is reconsidering its latest attempt, identified partly with Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the foreign minister, to reduce the dominance of superpower relations in Soviet diplomacy.

A discrepancy in official accounts of the meeting between the president and Mr Murdoch suggested, however, that the orientation of Soviet foreign policy is a highly sensitive issue. The two sentences in which the Soviet leader expressed his concern about a possible "readjustment" of the American attitude were omitted from the report in *Pravda*. The inference must be that the authorities did not want readers to know that one of Mr Gorbachev's few enduring successes, the improvement in superpower relations, might be in jeopardy.

M Mitterrand might discuss Soviet Middle East policy and a possible peace deal in Cambodia. Mr Bessmertnykh sets off on a tour of the Middle East tomorrow.



Street violence: youths looting a shop in Washington during a riot which erupted in the racially mixed Mount Pleasant neighbourhood after a police officer shot a Hispanic man. Police said that he had pulled out a knife while being arrested. The shooting set off five hours of stone and bottle-throwing on Sunday night that drew hundreds on to the streets and resulted in ten police injuries and eight arrests. The suspect, Daniel Enrique Gomez, aged 30, was reported to be in critical condition yesterday after surgery for a gunshot wound in the chest. Police said Mr Gomez became disorderly during the arrest of two other men on disorderly conduct charges. With one wrist handcuffed, he broke loose from the grasp of a woman police officer and pulled a knife. The officer ordered him to drop it, but he lunged towards her and she shot him once in the chest. The disturbance was the biggest in the capital since Martin Luther King was assassinated in 1968.

Strikes follow German pay deal

Bonn – Damaging warning strikes in Germany's engineering industry are continuing nationally, despite a first settlement worth 6.7 per cent agreed at the weekend for 700,000 workers in Baden-Württemberg (Ian Murray writes).

A first deal normally acts as a precedent for the other states, but both sides have said they are not ready to settle elsewhere on these terms. Employers in less prosperous regions are dismayed by the increase, significantly higher than their original 4 per cent offer and which would cost about DM19 billion (£6.5 billion) a year. The IG Metall union, with about four million members in western Germany, wants a rise for lower-paid workers more in line with its original 10 per cent claim.

The employers say that the 6.7 per cent increase will lead to job losses unless there is 2.5 per cent more productivity and a 4 per cent rise in prices. They say it will make it more difficult for industry to invest in eastern Germany, where engineering workers earn 71 per cent of the average western level and have negotiated wage parity from April 1994.

The print industry and shop workers are also in dispute, with some newspapers already affected by warning strikes in support of a claim for an 11 per cent increase.

Attack on US condom aid

London – America is sending billions of condoms and contraceptive pills to the wrong countries because it is more concerned with winning political friends than stabilising the world's rapidly expanding population, according to a report published yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

The Population Crisis Committee, a privately funded research group which is based in Washington, blames Ronald Reagan, the former president, for overlooking the importance of population growth, and says that President Bush has given little priority to international family planning programmes.

Seoul protest

Seoul – Anti-government protests broke out in South Korea after a detained labour activist jumped to his death from a hospital window after shutting protests at the police killing of a student. More than 1,000 students took over a road in eastern Seoul before being dispersed by riot police firing tear gas. *(Reuter)*

Mafia attack

Rome – Three Mafia hit men disguised as police officers burst into a house in Taurianova, southern Italy at the weekend and opened fire on relatives mourning Giuseppe Grimaldi, aged 54, beheaded in a Mafia murder last Friday, police said. The dead man's daughter, aged 14, was critically hurt. *(AFP)*

Romanian party

Bucharest – Leaders of the opposition Civic Alliance movement in Romania will launch a new political party next month to compete with the ruling National Salvation Front, the independent Al Press news agency said. They said their action was motivated by the absence of a "real political alternative". *(Reuter)*

Cost of loving

Canberra – The Australian taxman has struck a deal with brothel owners to reduce the tax rate for prostitutes. While other Australian businesses face a sliding tax scale of between 20 and 47 per cent on employees' wages, owners of brothels have been offered a 20 per cent flat rate. *(Reuter)*

Picassos stolen in Prague raid

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

FOUR paintings by Picasso have been stolen in a raid on the Czechoslovak national museum in Prague and the precise nature of the shopping list suggests that the paintings were stolen to order.

The thieves forced their way in to the art gallery at Sternberg palace, Prague, passed several inadequate alarm systems, took the paintings and, unlike the robbers at the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam last month, made a successful escape. A night watchman called police after an alarm was finally activated, but by the time they arrived it was too late, the state news agency CTK reported.

Lubomir Slavicek, the gallery's director, said: "It was a terrible awakening, especially because I had just come back from Paris where I was discussing the gallery's future." The museum is in a series of self-contained historic buildings. The baroque-style Sternberg palace houses old masters and 19th and 20th century paintings on the ground floor. The Picasso paintings – *Absinthe and Playing Card, Mandolin and Glass of Pernod, Table with Goblet* and *Port of Tadaques* – all date from between 1910 and 1922, during the Spanish-born artist's Cubist period.

Although regarded as the most influential aesthetic movement of the 20th century (establishing the idea that an art work exists as an object in its own right, and not just as a reflection of reality), the Cubist period, due to its visual austerity, has not achieved the same record prices as Picasso's sexier periods such as the Blue and the Fauve.

The record for a Picasso is the £33 million paid in Paris for his *Les Noces de Pierrette*, while his *Acrobate et Jeune Arlequin* sold for £20.9 million. Both were Blue period paintings. Asked how many Picassos were still left in the gallery, Mr Slavicek replied: "I'm confused at present, but it is 10 to 15."

After the raid on the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam on April 14, the thieves abandoned the paintings.

Killing of soldier prompts Croatian appeal for calm

From DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE



THE Yugoslav federal presidency was convened in emergency session yesterday after a soldier was killed and another wounded at a demonstration by 30,000 people in the Dalmatian coastal town of Split.

The meeting was held after Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian leader, appealed for calm, saying that the protest in front of Yugoslavia's main naval base had had a tragic result and the country should "prevent even greater consequences".

The federal presidency was originally scheduled to meet on Friday but now the spectre has appeared of a state of emergency being declared. The army requested that such action be taken two months ago, but the idea failed to win acceptance from the majority of republics.

Yesterday Yugoslav television showed the anti-army protesters in Split attacking armoured personnel carriers guarding the naval base, and there were reports that two bases elsewhere in Croatia had been blockaded. It is unclear what set off yesterday's rioting, but Dr Tudjman had answered a question about the army allegedly "harbouring Serb terrorists" by saying: "And why didn't you go to demonstrate in front of the headquarters of the Split military naval region, so that the world sees that this is not just the struggle of the political leadership but of the whole people?"

The shooting yesterday of a Macedonian conscript, aged 19, is specially significant because it is the first time a soldier has been killed. The army warned of dire consequences if that happened. It was a tense weekend on the coast of Croatia. Nine Serbian-owned summer houses were attacked with explosives, as was the main railway line from the interior of the country, which had just opened after being halted for a month by explosions and threats.

The line passes through Krajina, the rebel Serb region of Croatia, which has unilaterally declared its secession and union with Serbia.

Dr Tudjman, under great pressure from Croatian extremists, has been making increasingly contradictory statements. Inaugurating Croatia Airlines, he called on the world to recognise "independent Croatia", but later declared that there was much misunderstanding about why Croatia did not immediately follow Slovenia and declare independence. Dr Tudjman said that, while Slovenia and Belgrade had come to some sort of de facto agreement, "we have about 600,000 Serbs in Croatia and the Yugoslav army".

Accords boost Yeltsin

By BRUCE CLARK

TWO agreements reinforcing the power of Boris Yeltsin's Russian Federation government were signed in Moscow yesterday. One opens the way for the formation of a Russian KGB and the other transfers control of Russia's coal mines from central to republican hands, which should end a bitter miners' strike.

Mr Yeltsin, addressing the Russian parliament, conditionally approved President Gorbachev's acceptance of the inter-republican agreement. "The president, faced with the threat of a political impasse, made the right choice ... If [his] intentions are truly serious, and if this is not just another attempt at political trickery, then the first serious move has been made towards solving the country's crisis."

Earlier Mr Yeltsin and the Soviet KGB chief, Vladimir Kryuchkov, signed the agreement setting out the functions of a Russian KGB. Mr Kryuchkov, however, played down the importance of the republic's security service.

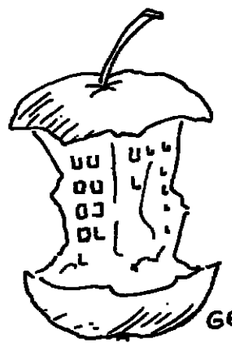
He said the most important thing was that the principle of the inseparability of state security functions at union and republic level should not be violated. "In the first instance, the fundamental role in carrying out assignments must still be undertaken by the union KGB," he added.

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NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Spectre of bankruptcy ushers in the lean years



Weekend in New York looked too perfect for the mayor to be brandishing words such as "doomsday" and "dire". A brilliant spring sun shone down on the seasonal tourists once again thronging Fifth Avenue and the Park. The doormen went back to work at their apartment buildings after a painful strike. At Carnegie Hall they were marking the centennial and the Empire State Building, still by far the perfect skyscraper, was lit for its sixtieth anniversary.

But it was crunch time for New York's fiscal crisis, the moment of reckoning for the feast of 1980s vanities. Financial disaster is at the door for the first time since New York narrowly escaped collapse in the mid-1970s. So on Saturday Mayor David Dinkins unveiled a plan for avoiding bankruptcy so devastating that one museum director called it a "cultural Chernobyl".

Barring a sudden and unaccustomed flush of self-sacrifice among the municipal unions who helped elect him, Mr Dinkins says he will be forced in July to switch off a quarter of the street lights and close the Central Park Zoo as well as all 32 of the swimming pools, drug treatment centres and child health programmes and a substantial number of museums, libraries and homeless shelters.

The loss of thousands of jobs, including those of 6,000 teachers, will help bridge the $3.4 billion (£2 billion) deficit predicted for the year starting in July. If the state does not step in with money and the unions agree to compromise, "each and every New Yorker will be forced to suffer and sacrifice," Mr Dinkins said. The police are the only department not facing cuts, but their spokesmen are appalled at the idea of switching off lights and cutting other services at a time when the murder and robbery rate is breaking records.

Many blame the indecisive Mr Dinkins for failing to grasp the magnitude of New York's problems earlier. But most critics recognise that the city is facing the bill for the wild spending spree it indulged in during the seven fat years from 1983 to 1990 under Mayor Edward Koch, who is sniping gleefully at Mr Dinkins from a newspaper column.

The trouble is that New Yorkers have grown used to constant crisis and many believe Mr Dinkins is just indulging in the routine "hype" that they tune out of their daily existence. But it may be different this time, if only because the middle classes are hurting so badly from the recession, far more severe than in the American mainland across the Hudson river.

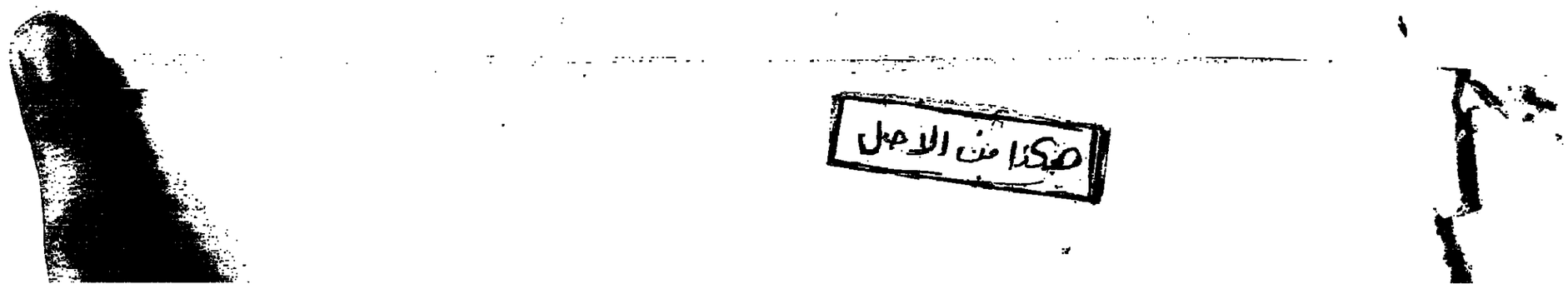
Many mortgage-payers were not so much listening to Mr Dinkins over the weekend as soaking up the impact of another dire development. Because the housing market has collapsed, desperate sellers have agreed to put up their Manhattan flats for public auction this month, with no minimum prices.

Big news on the sex front this month comes not from *Truth or Dare*, the latest attempt by Madonna to frighten the already jaded bourgeoisie with pornographic behaviour. For hair-raising shock value, God-fearing citizens are turning to a 200-page report by a committee of the Presbyterian Church.

The shades of Calvin and Knox must be pale with disbelief over this recipe for reversing the traditional attitude to sexuality which will be put to the General Assembly next month. Instead of chastity before marriage and fidelity within, the task force of ministers proposes reversing most of the old sexual "Thou Shalt Nots" and condoning sex between the unmarried, including gay men, lesbians and old-age pensioners.

Sex, the report says, should be considered acceptable between "responsible teenagers" – a phrase many parents would consider a contradiction. Endorsing fornication and homosexuality, the report, called *Keeping Body and Soul Together*, argues that it is time for Christians to accept that sexual gratification is a human need that should not be burdened by a sense of sin. "The fundamental debate within the church ... should not be focused in a limited way on rules of who sleeps with whom," it says. The report, which has turned into a best-seller among religious documents, is laced with the "politically correct" thinking now rampant in US intellectual life. The equality of women and homosexuals and other "marginalised" groups is more important than setting rules for sex, it says.

Critics, who are confident that the proposals will be defeated, say the report violates just about every tenet of faith. The Rev Elizabeth Johnson, one of the authors, said: "We've had some people behaving in extraordinarily ungracious ways, wishing people to hell ... But I suspect the Reformation was a pretty fiery time, too, and look what it accomplished."



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Bangladesh army tries to sort out aid muddle

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DHAKA

BANGLADESH'S army began trying to bring order to the government's disastrously ineffective relief effort along the cyclone-devastated southeast coast yesterday. At the same time questions were being asked about the country's failure to anticipate the catastrophe.

Red Cross officials have said the final death toll in last Tuesday's storm might reach 200,000, and have given a warning that widespread starvation is imminent unless there is an immediate big improvement in relief efforts.

There is still a serious lack of transport from the north to the southern city of Chittagong. Severe storms continued to batter the coast last night, disrupting the meagre relief operation. Large numbers of offshore islands, where there is almost certainly no food and probably only rainwater to drink, have yet to be reached by relief workers.

Many islands, some barely two feet above mean sea level, are still knee-deep in water. Although it is near-suicidal to live on them, desperate overcrowding on the mainland has driven peasants into trying to scratch a living along one of the world's most hostile coasts. The entire southern coast is a shifting landscape in which islands come and go with seasonal storms.

Despite a severe cyclone in 1970, which killed perhaps 500,000 people, and another in 1988, Bangladesh has never instituted even the basic elements of a disaster-preparedness programme. It has not even stockpiled emergency supplies of basic medicines and food.

Clearly nobody in Dhaka, the capital, has been in overall control of relief operations in the past week, although theoretically the ministry of relief and rehabilitation is in charge.

The six-week-old government of Begum Khalida Zia, the prime minister, has seemed reluctant to ask the army to take overall charge, but it finally did so on Sunday night, doubtless aware that international opinion is becoming outraged by the faltering rescue effort.

Official aid donors are to meet Bangladesh government officials in Paris this month for what should have been a routine annual assessment of need, but it is plainly going to become an inquest into what went wrong. "There were no contingency plans," a Western observer said. "There was no disaster-preparedness programme. Where were the stragically located supplies and equipment? Who was in charge? Why are there not enough cyclone shelters? These are the questions that will be asked."

Lack of co-ordination among donor countries has also been a serious problem. "The Bangladeshi government has told us exactly how much and what type of medicine they need," a foreign aid official said. "But we have got to sort out who is what. At the moment we don't know what each of us is doing."

The lack of cyclone shelters is a central issue. The Red Cross/Red Crescent operates 52 shelters along the southern coast, and other relief agencies have built six more. Ali Hassan Quoreshi, of the country's Red Cross/Red Crescent, estimated that 3,500 were needed to cover the entire coastal area.



Conquering hero: General Norman Schwarzkopf, with his wife Brenda, son Christian, and daughter Cindy, giving an exuberant salute as Mickey Mouse and nearly 30,000 people in the stadium at Tampa, Florida, welcome the commander of the victorious allied forces in the Gulf war back to his home town. General Schwarzkopf and his family drove in a burgundy Cadillac from his home at MacDill air force base to the stadium (Reuter reports). With a thumbs-up signal to the cheering crowd, he said: "Thanks for the mother of all homecomings." The ceremony featured military drills, an air-force fly-past, red, white and blue fireworks, little flags on parachutes, and a patriotic song-and-dance number by a children's choir. President Bush, recovering after developing an irregular heartbeat while jogging at the weekend, sent his warm wishes in a videotaped message. The ceremonies were interrupted for a moment of prayer for the president.

Danger of coup fades in Moscow

Washington — Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, said yesterday that he believed the imminent threat of dictatorship, a military coup or civil war in the Soviet Union had grown slightly less since the winter (Martin Fletcher writes).

But the dangers were still great and without Western help the economic regeneration necessary to stave them off was impossible.

On his first trip outside the Soviet Union since his unexpected resignation last December, Mr Shevardnadze said that America's response to President Gorbachev's appeal for $1.5 billion (£880 million) in agricultural credits to stave off acute food shortages was critical.

President Bush has indicated that the United States will reject the appeal, but Mr Shevardnadze said America's answer would to a large extent determine the fate of reform and democracy in the Soviet Union. American support was important psychologically, politically and practically, and there was very little time, he said in a speech delivered at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Desert riches

Cairo — Egypt has begun mining uranium ore for the first time, the national news agency MENA reported. It quoted a government geologist as saying that studies had uncovered large ore reserves at Umm Ara in the eastern desert near Aswan. Egypt has been exploring for uranium for around a decade. *(Reuter)*

Cocaine haul

La Coruña — Civil guards found more than a tonne of cocaine in 40 separate packets floating in the sea off the coast of northwest Spain, local officials said. The drugs were discovered when villagers and fishermen spotted bundles, some tied to small buoys, at different sites along the coast. *(Reuter)*

Spy allegation

Algiers — Group Captain William Cross, the British military attaché in Algeria, was expelled for spying last month after being arrested with a camera near a nuclear research centre, the newspaper *Quotidien d'Algerie* said. Britain has denied he was a spy. Algeria denies it is developing nuclear arms. *(Reuter)*

Books purge

Wellington — New Zealand customs will tighten up on imported literature after reports that David Gray read American books on how to kill and maim before shooting dead 12 neighbours last year. "Only disturbed and dangerous people would be interested in reading that kind of material," a spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Scramble to stop Soweto 'army'

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's political leaders are scrambling to convene urgent peace talks after a senior official of the Inkatha Freedom party threatened to deploy 100,000 armed men in Soweto to confront African National Congress supporters.

Musa Myeni, an Inkatha central committee member, said on Sunday that the fighters would be called up unless the ANC halted political violence in black townships nationally within a week. He said 150,000 more men were standing by to reinforce Johannesburg and its suburbs. "So far we have not directed our forces to unleash their power, but we will do so in the interest of peace. We want to watch if the ANC and the Communist party continue with the present violence. We are giving them seven days from today."

Mr Myeni's ultimatum, three weeks after the ANC confirmed plans to create armed defence units in the townships, appeared to bring the conflict to the brink of full-scale civil war. An ANC spokesman said the Inkatha threat was impractical and dangerous. "We hope it is nothing more than Myeni-speak aimed at inflaming passions," he said.

Seven ambitious men stalk Quayle

President Bush's sudden illness has thrown the political future of his stumbling vice-president into sharp relief, **Peter Stothard**, US Editor, reports from Washington

ON ALMOST any day in the White House eight men can be counted who would like to be president in 1996. Dan Quayle, the vice-president, is just one of them.

President Bush had barely been admitted to hospital on Saturday before the political pundits in Washington began to focus attention on Mr Quayle's unfitness to succeed him. The rumbling did not cease when Mr Bush returned home yesterday, nor is it soon likely to, since most of the powerful people in the capital have an interest in keeping the story alive.

For Democrats the vice-president is fair game. His obvious inexperience, verbal stumblings and strong conservative views make him an attractive target, especially on days when an attack on Mr Bush has seemed like an unpatriotic assault on a successful war leader.

Mr Quayle is, however, equally tempting prey for his Republican rivals, even if their shots have to be fired in secret. The aim of those on his own side is to wound but not to kill.

With his adversaries including some of the most skilful political assailants in Washington, the vice-president has certainly been wounded over the past two days, but he is not yet wholly out of the race.

The roll-call of those Republicans who want the option of supplanting a weak Mr Quayle as presidential candidate in four years' time begins with James Baker, the Secretary of State, and runs through the attorney-general, Richard Thornburgh, the housing secretary, Jack Kemp (with whom the vice-president played "I'm fit" tennis on Sunday), Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, the transport secretary, Samuel Skinner, the education secretary, Lamar Alexander, and even the White House chief of staff, John Sununu.

Much of the political wind which storms around the Oval Office can be traced to the personal ambitions of these men. When President Bush is at his desk, his obsession with the loyalty of his subordinates prevents the tensions becoming too strained, at least publicly.

But, after his heart trouble, even Mr Bush has an interest in keeping the Quayle question alive for a little longer. He has to decide if his atrial fibrillation has made it even slightly less likely that he will himself run in 1996. And he has to ask, too, if the fear of a Quayle succession is sufficiently genuine, deep and widespread to hamper, even slightly, his own chances of re-election.

Mr Baker is among those who have never made much secret of their feelings about the Quayle appointment. The vice-president himself joked at a recent dinner: "Secretary Baker took me under his wing in the election campaign — and kept me there".

The argument for replacing Mr Quayle was always that he would do more serious harm to the Republicans in 1992 than in 1988. Three years ago it could be argued that he might grow into the job and that, if he did not, he could be put out to pasture. In 1992 the electorate would see that it was being asked to choose the party's front-runner for 1996.

The vice-president has consistently failed to improve his ratings in the public opinion polls and has not won appreciation beyond those who have to deal with him day-to-day.

Even close aides have suggested recently that it was not certain he would be allowed to run again.

Curiously, however, it seemed last week that all these rumours would prove unfounded. Mr Sununu, whose word is still not to be ignored, went so far as to say that Mr Quayle would definitely be the president's running mate.

So far the president's atrial fibrillation does not appear to have changed those calculations. But the issue is unlikely to be closed now or in the near future.

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Men who would be king: Colin Powell, James Baker and Dan Quayle

Kurdish leaders return to Baghdad to seek agreement on autonomy

From ADAM KELLIHER IN BAGHDAD

A DELEGATION of Kurdish leaders reassembled in Baghdad yesterday for talks with the Iraqi government. The negotiations might lead to an autonomy pact for the ethnic minority in northern Iraq, although it is unlikely to include control of the region's oil resources.

The government has also lifted censorship restrictions on Western reporters working in Iraq, in principle giving them the freedom to report openly on the country. Officials said reporters would no longer have to be accompanied by information ministry officials while in Baghdad, although they would still be needed during trips outside the Iraqi capital.

The government had previously censored any material that criticised its policies, but Baghdad can still deny extensions to visas to journalists who report in a style inimical to President Saddam Hussein's regime.

Masoud Barzani, the leader of the Kurdish Democratic party, was expected to lead the Kurdish delegates at the new talks. The first round concluded ten days ago, with the Kurdish side saying an agreement had been reached on the basis of a 1970 self-rule package.

The first delegation was led by Jalal Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. After he left government hands, however, the veteran guerrilla chief declared real obstacles remained to any agreement. Negotiations were suspended to allow for Saddam's official birthday celebrations, but Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister, said yesterday that talks would start this week.

He said Baghdad had no intention of yielding control of oil resources around the city of Kirkuk. Dr Abdul al-Anbari, the Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations, had reported that the concession was granted to the Kurds during the first round of negotiations.

Mr Aziz said oil extraction would remain in the hands of the central government. This was one of the key conditions of the 1970 scheme, which also left Baghdad with control over foreign affairs, defence and the issuing of currency. However, his explanation did not rule out the possibility that the government might accede to the Kurds' demand for control of Kirkuk. The request has been refused until now because the city has a sizeable Arab community and a Turkish-speaking minority.

The deputy prime minister also rejected any idea that the final pact could be subject to international guarantees and insisted that it was an internal matter for Iraq. The first round of talks came as a surprise, because of the enmity between Baghdad and the opposition after 29 years of rebellion, and the conflict spawned by the exodus of most Iraqi Kurds after their ill-fated rebellion in March.

Observers believe, however, that the Kurdish leaders see the conflict as their best bet in finding a solution, because international support for their plight may wane in the longer term and their negotiating position will be weaker.

Iraqi sources said they expected the talks to last about one week and, if successful, Saddam and Mr Barzani would sign an agreement. If this is drawn up in line with the 1970 accord, it would give the Kurds control over most of their affairs, including taxation and running the local economy.

The proposal had been imposed by Baghdad, but the Kurds said it was inadequate because they wanted a percentage of oil revenue and greater powers to appoint officials in their region.

(This is the first report from our correspondent since censorship was lifted)

Cheney outlines accord on Gulf

By DAVID WATTS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SECURITY arrangements for the Gulf began to take shape last night as Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, began a visit to the region. Mr Cheney, on his first trip to the area since the end of the Gulf war, began his tour with talks with King Fahd in Saudi Arabia started with a visit to Saudi Arabia and talks with King Fahd last night.

On arrival, Mr Cheney predicted "agreements in principle" with Gulf states this week on co-operation, including military training, regular joint exercises, emergency access to air bases, and storage of American weapons and supplies for any future conflict.

During his tour, Mr Cheney will emphasise that America has no intention of stationing ground forces in the region. However, the US Central Command, based in Florida, will set up a regional headquarters. The defence secretary will also visit Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

In a separate development, James Baker, the Secretary of State, is planning to embark on a new peace mission to the Middle East, probably starting later this week. Mr Baker told reporters at the State Department in Washington that President Bush and he had agreed it was worth undertaking what would be his fourth mission since the end of the Gulf war, to try to convene an Arab-Israeli peace conference.

Allies shepherd refugees for mass homecoming

By EDWARD GORMAN IN ZAKHO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

COALITION forces in northern Iraq are to begin moving as many as 200,000 Kurdish refugees back from the Turkish border into the safe area, senior officers said yesterday.

The massive repatriation effort, codenamed Operation Gallant Provider, is expected to begin today or tomorrow and could take only two weeks to complete. It will involve moving roughly two-fifths of the total refugee population on the Turkish border by truck, buses and helicopters down from the mountains.

Major-General Jay Garner, commander of Joint Task Force Bravo, said refugees would be brought from a number of border camps to three staging posts at Zakho in the west, Sarsank in the centre and Suriya in the east.

At these points the refugees will be marshalled in preparation for being moved back to their villages and towns within the safe area, the general said. Packages consisting of construction materials, tents, food and cooking equipment would be available.

American special forces soldiers who have been working in the refugee camps would be sent ahead to villages to help with the transition and would stay to assist the Kurds for several days. The general said he hoped some refugee camps might be completely evacuated. He said United Nations survey teams were already at work in the camps determining from which areas families had travelled. He said there was in his view an overwhelming desire among refugees to get back to their homes, a movement he is keen to accelerate as water in the mountains begins to dry up with the end of the snow.

Operation Gallant Provider seems primarily aimed at families from settlements within the safe area. It is not yet clear what those from further south will choose to do. American officers say they hope some will decide to come down anyway and either settle within the zone or move back home into government controlled areas. However, many observers here believe those from outside the safe area will stay in the mountains for the time being.



The general explained that American troops are now positioned three miles from the provincial capital of Dahuk. Iraqi forces were leaving the city but no decision had yet been taken by the coalition to move in. In the east, the secure zones had now been extended 19 miles east of Suriya, an area secured yesterday by French, British, Italian and American forces.

Meanwhile, the ranking American officer liaising with the Iraqi army since the beginning of Operation Provide Comfort spoke of his fears yesterday that disarming peshmerga guerrillas in villages and cities within the safe area could lead to conflict.

Colonel Richard Nabb said coalition forces would not allow guerrillas to carry weapons or operate checkpoints within urban areas and villages in the safe haven. However, American forces would not institute searches and would not sweep the countryside looking for arms. Asked if there were a danger of possible conflict between allied soldiers and guerrillas, he replied: "Yes."

Colonel Nabb described how he has worked closely with Nushwan Danoun, an Iraqi brigadier posted to Zakho by Baghdad to liaise with the Americans. He said it had been remarkable that there had been no shooting incidents over the two weeks given the "kind of tinderbox" in northern Iraq and the obvious fears conveyed to him by the brigadier about American intentions.

Meetings with Brigadier Danoun had concentrated principally on clearing the Iraqi military presence from within the zone, sorting out the policing issue in Zakho, and enlisting Iraqi help in locating minefields and booby traps around vacated government positions.

The colonel revealed that after the Iraqi police presence in Zakho had been scaled down from some 300 officers to less than 50, he had become concerned for the brigadier's safety and had even offered him US military protection. "I certainly felt it was in our interests to keep him alive," Colonel Nabb said.

Spy trial tests scales of justice

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE Greek-Cypriot authorities in Cyprus face a tricky balancing act this week with the trial in Nicosia of four Israelis charged with attempting to eavesdrop on the Iranian embassy.

Justice must be done, but preferably without upsetting Iran, which insists that the four are "Zionist agents", *nor* the Israelis, who say they are innocent tourists. Both countries are watching the proceedings closely. Their security men are conspicuous at court hearings: the Israelis clean-shaven in natty summer suits and ties; the bearded Iranians soberly attired in brown suits without ties.

The four Israelis, two men and two women, were arrested a fortnight ago when a lone policeman on routine patrol found them in the lobby of the building housing the Iranian embassy. The four were caught tampering with a telephone junction box, the court was told last week. Tools allegedly clattered to the floor when they were spotted and they told the policeman they were looking for a toilet.

Israel did little to dampen speculation that they were secret service agents when it posted bail for them and then put them up at the Israeli embassy compound in Nicosia. The four have pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted eavesdropping, conspiracy, illegal entry, loitering in suspicious circumstances, trying to damage telephone cables and carrying two-way radios without permission.

Unlike the new embassies of the Soviet Union and the United States, which face each other in Nicosia, the small Iranian mission is not considered an important Middle East listening post. It is, however, believed to be an important channel of communication between Iran and Hezbollah, the radical pro-Iranian organisation which holds several Western hostages in Lebanon.

After 75 years, if it's in it's still in



The British version of the classic fashion magazine is celebrating its anniversary in style. Liz Smith looks back at its covers



Above: Beatrix Miller, longest ruling editor of "Brogue"
Top: Horst's 1940 masthead, recreated in 1991 (far right)

Times were hard when the first edition of British *Vogue* was published in 1916. Fashion pages featured clothes for ambulance drivers and "cleverly contrived neck arrangements" to change the look of an old dress, and the Duchess of Wellington was photographed knitting a sock. The magazine was published fortnightly and cost one shilling.

Times are hard today as British *Vogue* celebrates its 75th anniversary, but not as hard as all that. Published monthly now, and priced £2.50, the May issue shows slip dresses costing from £160 to £1,195 and tells readers how to stuff organic vegetables. "Brogue", as it was dubbed by its Manhattan parents back in 1916, is celebrating its jubilee with a party at the Royal College of Art on Monday to launch an exhibition of images from *Vogue*'s decades of dictating style. On display, too, are the extravagant creations with a "diamond" jubilee theme, commissioned from 52 top international designers.

British *Vogue* was followed by a French edition ("Frog") in 1920. German *Vogue* ("Grog"), launched in 1928, was closed in 1929, not to reappear until the Seventies. The daddy of them all, American *Vogue*, was a slim society journal established in 1892 (centenary celebrations break out across the Atlantic next year) and bought by Condé Nast in 1909. All the international editions shared Nast's brief for his magazine to be "a richly embellished frieze of society, fashion, social conscience and frivolity", as well as its hottest selling point, the *Vogue* cover.

Initially the covers were illustrated. They were creative set pieces with the title cleverly worked into the design. Eduardo Benito, Georges Lepape, Christian Bérard and Carl Erickson (known as Eric) were regulars on the team of artists. Picasso and Matisse made rare guest appearances. The artwork for the covers made news stands "blossom as a rose", as *Vogue* boasted in 1918. It was only in the Thirties that Condé Nast, ever the innovator, began to experiment with photographed covers, in an effort to be more specific about what might be found inside. As Nast put it in a memo to his staff, "a cover should serve as an eloquent barker on behalf of the show that goes on within the pages of the magazine".

The first cover photograph, by Steichen, showed a model in a red bathing suit, sitting cross legged and holding a beach ball above her head. By 1939 half of the 24 issues a year had photographic covers. Many of them star in an exhibition of *Vogue* covers that opens in London next month, ranging from the early illustrations and first photographs by Horst, Hoyningen-Huené and Beaton, to the Sixties covers by Bailey starring Jean Shrimpton and up to the present day.

Elizabeth Tilberis, who took over as editor of British *Vogue* in 1988, put her stamp on the magazine by pulling back the covers' focus from the traditional head shot to an image that might have come straight off the fashion pages. "I always thought it odd for a fashion magazine to cut off the clothes on the cover," she says. "When I go through a set of pictures the one that will make a cover is always evident. It can't be cutesy or homesy. It must be elegant, sophisticated and very *Vogue*."

Just as Nast always rated his covers A to D on resulting sales, his successors are always aware of the selling power of a cover. "We occasionally recognise a howler," Ms Tilberis says. "One cover last June with several girls dressed like cheerleaders in short raffia skirts was not a success."

Her predecessor was Anna Wintour who, although British-born, had served a three-year stint as creative editor on American *Vogue* in New York, before jetting in to dust down the native quirkiness of British *Vogue*. Ms Wintour was rewarded with the editorship of *Vogue* in New York, where she returned after less than two years. The British edition has slipped back to its waywardness under Ms Tilberis, who caters for what she calls "the streak of madness that runs through all of us in Britain".

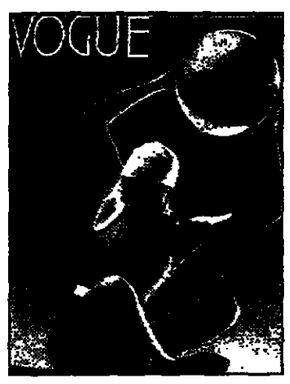
Brogue has had nine editors. The first, Elspeth Champcommunal, 1916-22, had little to do but anglicise the spelling in American material, and insert a few stories for local colour. The second, Dorothy Todd, 1922-26, practically killed off the magazine with her over-literary tastes. The third, Alison Settle, 1926-35, can take credit for discovering Cecil Beaton. The next editor, Elizabeth Penrose, 1935-40, commissioned Constance Spry to write a gardening column, and referred to *Vogue*'s Gracious Living section as Good Gracious Living.

Audrey Withers, editor 1940-60, now a sprightly 86-year-old who still holds down a full-time job with the Liberal Democrat party, protests that she was never really interested in fashion. "I think it was just as well I was there during the only period for which I was qualified to edit a fashion magazine. I was far more interested in features and good writing."





Left: the art of *Vogue* in 1933, by Benito; right, Lady Diana Spencer's début as a cover girl at the time of her marriage in 1981, by Snowdon









Cover story: from left, Vogue's first photographed cover, 1932; Fifties glamour; Sixties style, by Bailey; 75th anniversary supplement cover

As the country pulled out of wartime austerity she introduced adventurous travel features and encouraged Elizabeth David to write about food rather than merely run recipes. She is amused by what she sees in the magazine today. "In my time women looked to *Vogue* to tell them what to wear. They wrote in to ask about where the hemline and waistline should be before buying new clothes. Now everyone dresses exactly as they please and must look at *Vogue* just for a kick. Yet the magazine gets thicker and thicker."

Ailsa Garland was editor at the start of the Sixties (1961-64), but it was Lady Rendlesham, the fashion editor responsible for the Young Idea pages, who gave the magazine its authority by launching the swinging Sixties of designers such as Mary Quant, Ossie Clark and Foale & Tuffin, and letting the photographer David Bailey loose on the formerly serene fashion pages with his rough-edged sexual imagery.

Beatrix Miller (pictured here in 1986 Mats cartoon) arrived in 1964 and stayed to rule for 22 years. She is careful to point out that, like Audrey Withers, she was not "a fashion person". Her magazine career had begun in the Fifties as an editorial secretary on *Queen* before she left for New York to spend two years as a copywriter on American *Vogue*. In 1958 Jocelyn Stevens lured her back to London to edit *Queen*.

"Clever old Condé Nast," she says. "He created a magazine that was a fascinating visual and literary mix. The word "magazine" is Arabic for storehouse, in case you didn't know. And that is what I wanted it to be. A storehouse for talent of the moment. But it is vital to have a basic formula and then you must surprise.

"Fashion is ridiculous if it is taken too seriously. I saw every garment before it was photographed. I edited that magazine down to the last semi-colon and I'm afraid I wrote *all* the worst *puns*."

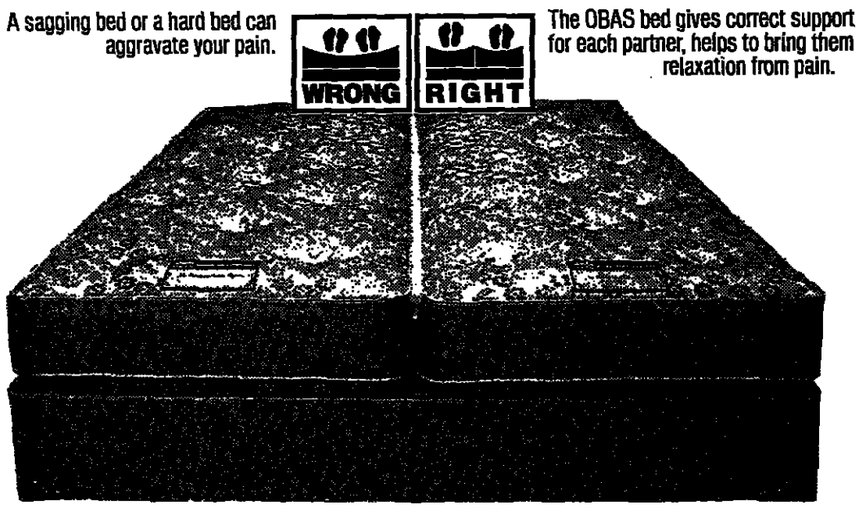
For someone who has given up editing (she is currently writing two sets of memoirs but is not sure she wants either published), Ms Miller still has ideas. "I would like to do the dummy for a magazine to be produced now that takes a quantum leap 10 years ahead. It would be great to do that and let everyone else catch up."

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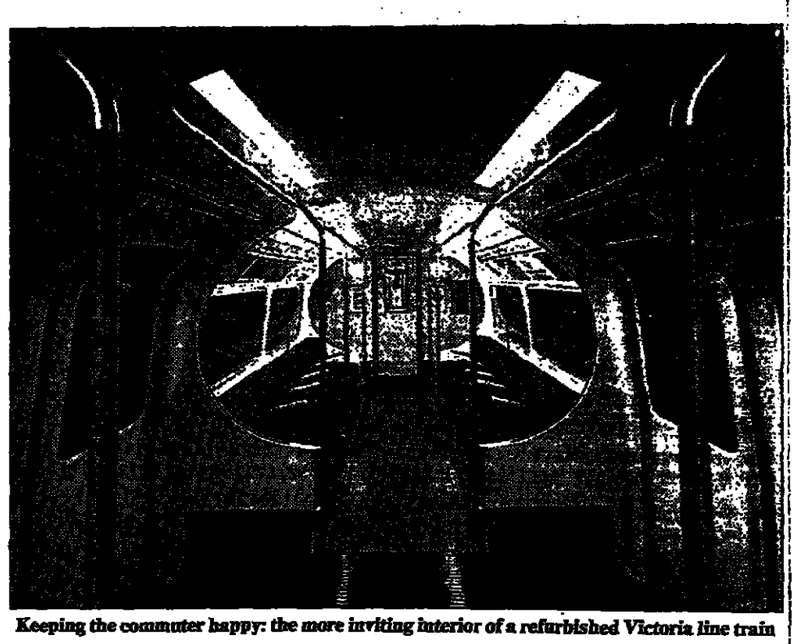
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A better view on the Tube

Can redesigned interiors lift the dismal image of the London Underground?



Keeping the commuter happy: the more inviting interior of a refurbished Victoria line train

In a week when little good is being said about the Underground, commuters may be cheered to know that this summer, far below the streets of London, cleaner, brighter Tube trains will replace the customary tired old vehicles. Every week another refurbished train will join the service until half the fleet has been refitted.

Like the railways, the Underground was designed and built by engineers. Function and safety came first, but the logo, maps and posters testify to a design heritage stretching back beyond the Twenties. Hiring designers to work on the trains' interiors is a new move, intended to make the lives of the two million passengers who use the Tube daily more agreeable.

Marvin Shane, a director of Transport Design Consortium, an association of four design partnerships from different disciplines, began working with London Underground on signs, leaflets and literature. Once the Tube management realised that the designers could also improve the network's safety, and upgrade the service to customers, it commissioned them to restyle the interiors.

Ribbed-rubber flooring is just one of the improvements suggested by Mr Shane and his team. Even the most rigorous cleaning failed to restore the old Canadian maple slats to their original condition, but "the colour of the non-slip material will come up as a reward to the people who clean it", the designer says.

Seats, too, must withstand dirt and what Grahame Ibson, the manager in charge of renewal and modernisation, delicately describes as "body fluids". In the past, a car would be out of commission for some time while a craftsman replaced the moquette. The new seats will have replaceable covers, however, and will be dry-cleaned regularly and quickly replaced after accidents.

The interior castings have been reworked using phenolics, a mouldable industrial plastic which is non-combustible and non-toxic should it catch fire. If hooligans break seat arms, they will not leave a dangerous spur requiring the withdrawal of the car.

Mr Shane says security is as important as safety. "If you find graffiti all over a train, you are already disturbed when you go into it," he says. "You feel these people are not in control. However, if the train is clean you feel there is someone here who is responsible." Soon only the cardboard advertisements will accept graffiti, and these can be replaced in minutes.

> *We are getting more for our money than the French*

Although most Tube travellers are men, particular attention has been paid to the needs of women and children, as well as the elderly and the disabled. The old ceiling straps will be replaced by lower hand rails which, with more frequent grab poles, will allow passengers to hold on while walking along the car. Their coloured, non-slip coating will help the partially sighted. Rails by the doors will help the elderly to get on and off.

The Fennell report, which followed the King's Cross fire, recommended that London Underground's public address system be improved, and that the alarms be standardised with those of British Rail. In future there will be pull-down lever alarms in every doorway at shoulder height to make them accessible even to children.

Being able to see, and be seen, will reassure lone travellers. The glass draught screens will be lowered to allow a clear view of the whole car, and windows will be added to each end of some coaches, making it possible to see through up to three vehicles.

Improved overhead lighting aims to create a feeling of space — a real bonus in the rush hour. The new seats, 20mm higher than the old ones, will encourage those seated to tuck their feet in, freeing the aisle for standing passengers. Brighter flooring at the heart of the coaches will attract people away from the doors. Reducing the depth of the draught screens will also make access easier.

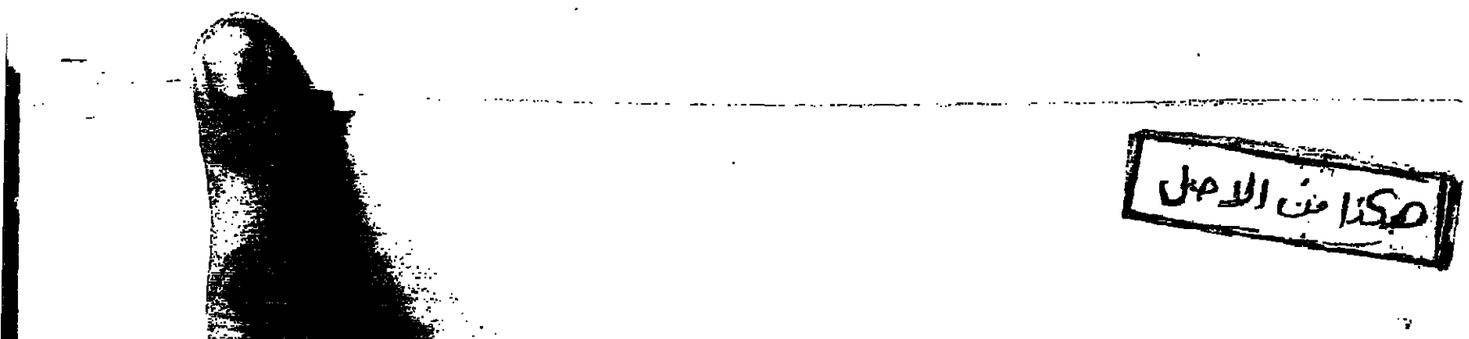
Each line will have new moquettes for the seats designed to reflect their different histories. The Victoria line, which is associated with royalty, will sport diamonds in red, white and blue on the seating. The Piccadilly line, which runs to Heathrow, will have a pattern like aircraft wings. The Bakerloo line has an art deco design in a rich terracotta. The new flooring will reflect these colours, offset by ivory walls.

Much of Mr Shane's work is in retail, and he has worked for Austin Reed, Lloyds Bank, and British Rail. He is also designing part of the new Trans Manche trains. "I don't think that anybody in the world can match London Underground for safety," he says.

Each Underground train costs about £50,000 to refit but Mr Ibson says we are getting more for our money than the French: "The Paris Metro is refurbishing its existing trains, literally replacing like with like in the interiors, paying as much per train as we are and achieving no benefits for the customers."

GERALDINE RANSON

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ARTS AWARDS

Who wins, survives but who sponsors, prospers

Prizes are often profitable for the business sponsors who make them possible, as Debra Craine reports

Tomorrow, organisers will announce the names of four fringe theatre companies who will be showcased in a season at the Royal Court Theatre. The month-long festival will provide an extraordinary forum for performers used to working outside the spotlight of publicity in the shadowy world of experimental theatre. Even more extraordinary is that they owe their high-profile national exposure to a high street bank.

The event, from June 17 to July 10, is the Barclays New Stages Festival for Independent Theatre. The four featured companies are among the ten troupes that have won sponsorship awards during the first year of a scheme which is spending £600,000 over three years to encourage the experimental work of the fringe.

Ten years ago, such an alliance between a leading financial retailer and alternative theatre would have been unthinkable. Today, business sponsorship of the arts is both fashionable and profitable. In the past 15 years, business investment in the arts has risen from £600,000 a year to £35 million. Most of that is spent on direct sponsorship, funding new ballets or giant art exhibitions, yet most of the limelight goes to the relatively recent genre of arts awards, the cash-carrying prizes which enable the production of new work. Barclays New Stages is one such scheme.

At the end of June, the fifth annual Digital Dance Awards will be announced; in July the five Prudential Arts Awards category winners will be announced. Corporations have seized on arts awards as a desirable vehicle for their investment in the arts: as a form of "own label" sponsorship, they put across a company's name most effectively.

The fact that they are competitive means they generate media interest, while their prize-giving ceremonies encourage press and broadcast coverage. Corporations are thus *seen* to be supporting the arts, associating their names with quality and a degree of social responsibility. Support for the arts enhances a company's image; so arts awards are good for business.

Geoff Shingles, chairman and chief executive of Digital Equipment Company, the computer giant, says: "We believe very clearly that the amount of money we've spent on sponsorship of the arts has more than repaid itself. We can measure business that we've got as a result of it. This is not the Salvation Army, this is business and there's a very strong business reason for sponsorship." The Digital Dance Awards, which pay out £130,000 each year, "give us the broader exposure with the public which we like to have."

But is such "designer sponsorship" good for the arts? Certainly all three awards schemes have paid for the commission of new work that would otherwise never have been made, while winning has heightened the profile of many smaller companies.

Yet the arts community regards these awards with a mixture of envy and suspicion; although everybody is happy to win one, many are unhappy with their "beauty contest" nature, the competitive tendering for sponsorship. Critics are also concerned about the amount of money – usually half the total – spent on administration and publicity.

Peter Jonas, general director of English National Opera, which won the first Prudential Opera Award in 1989, says that although it was "a terribly valuable award to win", arts awards in general are inefficient, with half the cost taken up in administration. "The Prudential has spent a lot of money on them. They could have sponsored an event at all four of the national companies for the money they spent on their awards.

"If you get big companies which have resources to inject money into work being done, if that money is totally diverted into competitions which may satisfy a company's desire for image and projection, then the work gets only a fraction of the money originally intended. Why don't they spend it all on sponsoring an opera?"

Philip Hedley, director of Theatre Royal Stratford East, winner of the 1990 Prudential Award for Theatre, believes the company's lavish annual awards ceremony could pose an image problem. "It seems excessive. I think they've got to look to their public image; there's too obvious an imbalance in the procedures. It's like giving very rich dinners when you're trying to raise money for famine relief."

But corporations need a return on their investment. Prudential is spending £1 million over three years on its awards scheme, more than £400,000 of which goes on support costs. "These costs are absolutely necessary," says Blackett Ditchburn, head of sponsorship. "Otherwise we would get no commercial benefit from it. And I believe that through our arts awards, the arts themselves have enjoyed an enhanced profile. The way in which we celebrate our awards is an intrinsic part of making those awards worth having. Without the attendant expense, not just the dinner which is a relatively minor element, one has to challenge whether the awards would exist at all."

Barclays, meanwhile, takes a low-key approach with its New Stages scheme, launched to give the company a less stuffy image. "We were trying to get into sponsoring a performance art in a way that allowed us to be non-metropolitan and youthful, and we wanted it to be in the fringe area because nobody else was in it," explains James Poole, head of corporate affairs. "Who is going to take a real punt on mixed-media art forms? We think we've cracked a need and we will get the reward of being well-regarded for it."

One reason why the fringe has not been exploited by sponsors is its experimental, and possibly controversial, nature. According to Poole, such risks are minimised by the awards format. "One of the purposes of the structure we've put onto New Stages is to provide this gap between ourselves as the sponsor and the artistic side. We need to be able to say we didn't choose that winner, winners were chosen by the judges."

That may sound like business trying to have it both ways, but such is the prerogative of the banker. If those in the arts want financial support from the world of Mammon, they have to dance to his tune.



A suitable case for sponsorship? Performance artist Rose English is one of the Barclays New Stages award-winners, four of whom are coming to the Royal Court Theatre for a season from June 17 to July 10

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BRIEFING

Short ensuite

AT LAST, a new Pinter, or at least a new Pinterette. If it survives its financial troubles, the beleaguered Almeida Theatre, in Islington, will this autumn present the first play the brooding genius has written for three years. Like all the original work Harold Pinter produced in the Eighties, it will be short, only 30 minutes or so; and like *One for the Road* and *Mountain Language*, it will once again involve the political issues that have so obsessed him in the past decade. The cast is still uncertain; but the director will be the author himself.

Storm warning

PETER Greenaway has lost his race against the clock to finish *Prospero's Books*, his version of *The Tempest*, in time to compete in the Cannes Film Festival, which opens on Thursday. But all is not lost: 20 to 30 minutes will be screened on May 17 as a taster, partly in homage to his leading actor, Sir John Gielgud. From June 24 the Watermans Arts Centre will mount the first London Greenaway exhibit since the late Seventies; the selection will include drawings related to *Prospero's Books*.



Gielgud: a Prospero for Peter Greenaway

Last chance . . .

ALTHOUGH Sir Christopher Wren created much more besides St Paul's Cathedral, there is no doubt that the building, which occupied 40 years of his career, became an obsession. Some idea of the scope and detail of his designs, and the changes and vicissitudes they went through, can be gained from the many documents, engravings, models and drawings on show at the Royal Academy of Arts (071-439 7438) in Piccadilly, until Sunday.

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All who Cannes still do

Fashions change but for Geoff Brown the festival is still a must

Around the world, 35,000 people are packing their suitcases with film cans, anxiety pills, suntan lotion, bow ties, Bermuda shorts, attack whistles, dinner jackets, earplugs, cummerbunds and indigestion tablets. The Cannes Film Festival starts on Thursday.

Who are they and why do they go to spend ten bruising days choking a small French Riviera town once praised in a guidebook for its "aristocratic intimacy"? They go partly because everyone else is going: if your business is selling, making, distributing or criticising films, Cannes is the festival you miss at your peril. Dissect the jostling crowd and you find big-noise journalists and lowly scribes, penniless film hopefuls toting a sample reel, wheeler-dealers, shakers and fakers, thieves, pickpockets, and innocent tourists crushed underfoot.

Cannes still has an image of glittering premières, cocktails on yachts, and starlets showing their all on the beach. The bright lights continue to shine, though it is a long time since the young Brigitte Bardot posed in her bikini on the US aircraft carrier *Midway* and Diana Dors arrived for a screening in a blue Cadillac convertible and low-cut blue dress, with — the crowning touch — blue hair.

That was in the Fifties, in the festival's giddy youth, when continental movies — the main preserve of Cannes — still seemed novel, even naughty. The global film community has moved on since then (the word "matured" would perhaps be inappropriate), and Cannes reflects the changes.

In the main sections, new films by top-flight international directors and lively young sparks are still to be found. Lurking in smaller screening rooms, though, are *Fat Guy Goes Nutzoid, Surf Nazis Must Die*, and all the other low-grade products tossed out by producers eager for the easy buck.

Money-men and cigars have elbowed out the starlets and bikinis, prompted by the festival's ever-expanding market section. Commercially-minded films are also edging their way into the main competition section. This year, five of the announced roster are American; France musters four, Britain, alas, none, although Peter Greenaway's *Prospero's Books*, an adaptation of *The Tempest*, would have made the journey had the director completed his post-production chores in time.

The wheeling and dealing brings results: good ideas can ferment in the scrum of people. And when a film wins the principal prize, the Golden Palm, the world takes notice. Sometimes the attention is short-lived — who remembers *Chronicle of the Years of Fire*, the 1975 winner? — but many bask in the limelight. Steven Soderbergh gained an instant reputation by winning the Golden Palm in 1989 for his first feature *Sex, Lies and Videotape*.

For critics, Cannes is educational, presenting a dauntingly vast spectrum of cinema. From eight in the morning until the small hours, films of all kinds rain down: the good, the bad, the ugly, the ridiculous, the unwatchable. I'm going. Wish me luck.

All economic indicators and Major's own standing justify an early election, writes **Woodrow Wyatt**

June 13, and a Tory win

A strange assumption grows that there will be no early election. Last Thursday's local council results are held to prove that Mr Major could not win one, that Labour would have most seats in a new parliament and that if Labour lacked an overall majority it could rely on the Liberal Democrats. There might be a rerun of 1964 and 1974, with a Labour government hanging on for five or six years after a shaky start. That is not how I read last Thursday's results.

More than half of the net Tory council losses went to the Liberal Democrats. In the South, where Tory support is strongest, an ITV exit poll showed that one fifth of those voting Liberal Democrat would vote Tory in a general election. In 1987 the Lib Dems' forerunner, the Alliance, was second in 228 seats. It is highly unlikely that Labour would overtake them in more than a handful, or that it would come first in enough to be the largest party in the Commons, let alone win an absolute majority.

This is rough on Mr Ashdown and his fancy ideas for proportional representation. Whereas many voters see nothing terrifying in councils being controlled by his party, they are not ready to take the same view of Parliament. In slow-to-change Britain, it could be 30 years before the voters regard Labour as finished and the Liberal Democrats as the serious alternative party of government.

Labour appears determined to write itself off by misjudging the lasting impact made by Mrs Thatcher. The proposal to raise penalties on high earners to 59 per cent by higher national insurance contributions and increasing the top tax band to 50 per cent is seen more as spite and discouragement than a practical attempt to raise much revenue, which it would not. The promised additional 9 per cent national insurance payment by standard taxpayers earning more than £380 a week is lunacy. Nearly 3.5 million skilled workers, junior professionals and management staff would be hit, and so would a number of unskilled workers. These are just the voters Labour must have to oust the Tories.

Labour says it needs the extra money to improve social security benefits; this wins sympathy in conversation but not in votes. Mr Kinnock has also blown the gaff on the NHS by honestly stating there would be no more money for it, merely greater efficiency directed from Whitehall with the cooperation of the unions. To which the only response is a loud guffaw.

On May 17, a reduction in the rate of inflation to around 6 per cent will be announced. Lower interest rates will presumably quickly follow, and mortagers will feel much less resentful. The community charge bogy is at least temporarily quiescent and will not be an issue for another year. Unemployment and business collapses will remain high, but not so fearsome as they will be in October or the first half of next year. The recession is bottoming out, but there are nasty things lurking in the economic pottingshed which could badly damage the Tories in the Midlands and the South when the government's time is running out.

In 1978, Mr Callaghan thought his best chance was October; then he dithered and was boxed in, eventually being forced to announce a dissolution on April 7 and an election for May 3. Doubtless he later regretted that he had not chosen October. Prime ministers have freedom of manoeuvre; they are unwise to let it slip away.

Mr Major is currently thought by the public to be a much better bet as prime minister than Mr Kinnock, who might be replaced by a more convincing leader if Labour were given sufficient time to ponder the disaster of losing four elections in a row. Because Mrs Thatcher won more votes in the first round of the Tory leadership contest than Mr Major in the second, there is a nagging query about his legitimacy that can be dispelled only by electoral confirmation. He can depend on Mrs Thatcher's wholehearted support in a campaign in which respected Tory MPs overtly or covertly critical of him will not stand. A convincing win would end party bickering.

A June election could not raise accusations of running away, because Labour incessantly demands one, and four-yearly elections have been standard Tory practice since May 1979. Even if the Tories lose the Monmouth by-election next week, the seat would return with the support that flows back to a government in a general election. The week beginning May 19 looks ideal to announce polling on June 13 — five days before the Royal Ascot meeting, when the anti-Major tabloids will have a chance to whip up readers' envy by publishing photos of men in top hats and exotically-hatted ladies eating lobster and drinking champagne. And by then the sun may be warming us into general contentment.

Overall Tory majority: 45 plus.

Beating the bad Guy's image

The hospital that led the way to the market has come under attack for job cuts. Its chief admits to poor timing but tells **Philip Bassett**, industrial editor, that strategy will not change

The Palladian façade of Guy's Hospital has provided the background for dozens of television news reports in the week since the management announced plans to cut 600 jobs. As the trailblazer for the government's health service reforms, such an announcement was bound to attract attention, and the local elections made sure that publicity was maximised.

Peter Griffiths, the chief executive of the self-governing trust which now runs the hospital, admits ruefully: "We've learnt, learnt a lot in the past week about internal and external communication.

"But", he adds firmly, "there is nothing that persuades me or my trust board that our strategy is wrong."

Talking to Mr Griffiths is much like talking to a senior manager at IBM. Words such as "products", "vision" and "strategy" pepper his conversation. The language of business management might jar with anyone who has first-hand experience of the galling inefficiencies, the huge caring effort, cash shortages and proud commitment that mingle to form the National Health Service. Mr Griffiths himself makes the crucial distinction. "Health care is not a business. There are no bottom lines which are as demonstrable as profit. But we need to be more businesslike."

Appropriately, Guy's Hospital is no stranger to commerce. Its 18th-century founder, Thomas Guy, the son of a wharfinger, was a successful stationer and publisher who made his fortune by speculation in South Sea stocks.

In the run-up to the health reforms, Guy's started to reorganise itself by means of a five-year plan to ensure that it will be the standard-bearer for the new, market-based health service. A hospital like Guy's is on the scale of a large business. The basic statistics indicate the immensity of the management task: 8,000 staff, 1,600 beds, 70,000 in-patients, 350,000 out-patients, an annual budget of £130 million.



Griffiths: job 'infinitely easier'

This would be daunting enough for any manager, but hospitals present two key differences, in management terms. First, hospitals are a powerful political issue. They are watched closely by a public that still has an enormous commitment to the welfare state, despite the ideological drive of the past 12 years. Thousands of jobs are being lost in industry every day now, but no manufacturing plant could ever have provoked the outcry prompted by the job cuts at Guy's.

Second, unlike perhaps any other institution, a hospital's most influential, talented and highly-paid staff — its consultants — are not isolated at the top of the organisation, but work on the shop floor, intimately involved in the provision of the organisation's services.

The old funding system gave hospital consultants great power, for essentially it rewarded those who, through persuasion or arm-twisting, were able to mount the best cases for their specialisms. According to Mr Griffiths, many consultants felt that their first loyalty was to their specialism and their patients, regardless of whether the hospital could afford what the consultants wanted. Hospital managers were caught between the consultants and the powerful, well-organised health trade unions.

Career advancement also militated against good hospital management. To get on, hospital managers traditionally had to get out, moving to a district or a region, and leaving behind at the hospitals less experienced or lower calibre managers. Mr Griffiths himself surprised many people when he moved back to Guy's from his job as deputy chief executive of the NHS. He and his like claim that the formation of trusts means that a career in health management now has two pinnacles, to the benefit of hospitals.

Union influence has been reduced by the labour market reforms of the last decade. But the most fundamental aspect of the government's reforms — separating the purchase of NHS services from their provision — is forcing consultants to change too. Contracts for hospital services mean that it is possible to measure demand, not just for a particular hospital, but, if necessary, for individual consultants (or "service providers" as Mr Griffiths calls them).

The net effect is to make hospitals much more manageable. Hospital managers will be able to measure exactly how much work they are getting. Now if they see work drifting away in particular specialisms — or across the board — they will be able to take action: either by pulling out of the field altogether, or requiring the particular consultant to improve.

For example, 60 per cent of the workload at Guy's comes from its contract with the local health authority; a quarter from the South East Thames health region, and the rest from 29 contracts, principally with other health authorities. If the hospital falls below or exceeds its targets, its income will precisely reflect this.

Such exact accounting allows Mr Griffiths to conclude that "contracts make the management job infinitely easier". But for a London teaching hospital such as Guy's, the changes do nothing to ease the immediate task.

Back in December, the Guy's Trust board developed a three-sided strategy: first to staff the board fully, taking on the executive directors needed, then to take stock financially, and third to develop a 10-year plan, or "vision" to use Mr Griffiths' term.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Free-market founder: Thomas Guy made his money in stocks

This plan has to ensure the provision of services over the period, and recognise that Guy's does some things better than others, so that the hospital can concentrate on its strengths.

Come the first day of the new health service era, last month, that vision had to be clarified further. The financial stocktaking revealed that in the first year of the new strategy, Guy's had inherited a debt of £6.8 million. In addition, the board wanted to achieve a further £6 million of savings by withdrawing some services so as to reinvest the money in building work, and improving staff pay and benefits.

Peter Griffiths and his team were determined to deal with the financial shortfall in a planned, managed way, rather than in what he sees as the traditional, chaotic way of the health service. Businesses struggling to cut their costs, especially in a recession, tend to take the easy way out: cutting jobs. The managers at Guy's decided they had no alternative but to do the same in order to achieve their objectives of cutting the hospital's cost base and making it more competitive than other hospitals touting for NHS contracts.

Other hospitals too, whether or not they have opted out, will be cutting jobs. What is different at Guy's is that action is being taken upfront, before the hospital is in difficulty, and has been announced to staff in the newsletter.

Peter Griffiths admits that this was when the trouble started, and the huge political and media attention has not yet died down. He is surprised at the intensity of the furore, but says "We have nothing to hide." The trust will publish details of its business strategy later this month.

In spite of the outcry, Mr Griffiths and his team are not to be diverted from what they see as their task. Now that a market is working within the health service, they, and the other management teams in the hospitals that have opted out, feel they have to respond to the laws of supply and demand, or go under.

Mr Griffiths is in no doubt about this necessity. "In a situation in London where it's clear the number of hospitals and services will fall, we want to ensure for our hospital and our staff that this trust and this hospital survive and flourish, and that we are not among those that decline and disappear."

...and moreover

Craig Brown

Like Lord Chalfont, I wear many hats. I am not only a journalist widely credited with vision and worldliness. Like Alun, I am also a director of a highly prestigious firm of public relations consultants. I too like to redress the balance when the character of a world figure or institution is besmirched by the excesses of our notoriously free Western press.

In our world of operations, Alun Chalfont is something of a patron saint. His doughty advice to the Shah of Iran in the 1970s did much to prevent a revolution in that neck of the woods. In the Eighties, his magnificent biography of the Sultan of Brunei, *By God's Will*, made it abundantly clear that far from being a spendthrift playboy, the Sultan is "an intelligent, thoughtful political figure of considerable stature" and that "above all, he has a manifest and deep concern for the welfare of his people, and an affection for them which... is wholeheartedly returned". I couldn't have put it better myself!

Now, in the Nineties, Alun has taken to blowing the trumpet for Singapore. In the British Airways in-flight magazine he has described it as "a model city-state", neatly dismissing Amnesty International's multiple complaints against its human rights record by pointing to "a feeling of safety and stability in the city, accompanied by the usual complaints from the Press and foreign do-gooders about the 'authoritarian' style of government". Spot on!

I mention all this because my own public relations consultancy, Dodd-Gee Enterprises plc, has taken an equally challenging commission on behalf of an international statesman, namely Mr B.L.Z. Bubb of the Devil Incarnate Organisation. He has been deeply, deeply concerned at vindictive smear campaigns conducted by the Western media. They have sought to vilify not only him and his family but also his beloved country, Hell, that marvellous VIP hotspot and ultimate resort of so many world leaders.

I was just finishing a hard morning's work on the Cruella de Ville account. We had managed to place a lovely, positive piece in *Hello!* magazine. ("I get so hurt when foreign do-gooders complain about my 'authoritarian' style of government," says Cruella over a cup of tea. "Those darling little pups *just adore* the stability and safety I offer them.") Suddenly, the door burst into flames. "I'll show myself in, if I may," said Mr B.L.Z. Bubb.

"Apple?" he said, offering me a delicious fruit. As we both chewed away, he explained his position. "My kingdom has so much to offer. Our people are the warmest you will ever encounter. Our climate is constant all the year round. Our prime industries, wailing and gnashing of teeth, show a most encouraging annual rate of increase. Once people have come, they stay forever. Yet we are misunderstood by the media, and a lot of unhelpful carping is printed. We want you to show the world the positive aspects of the new, exciting Hell."

Despite his fiery reputation, he struck me at once as an intelligent, thoughtful political figure of considerable stature. I accepted the challenge without a moment's hesitation. "Another apple?" he said. Still crunching, I plunged headlong into work.

My first task was to commission an up-to-the-minute new logo to show the dynamic, forward-looking, gentler new Hell. The old cloven-hoof logo, despite a certain period charm, is no longer up to the task. Our super new pronged-fork logo, hot from the drawingboard, conveys Hell's new thrust far better.

We were in desperate need of a fresh slogan. My assistant suggested that "Hell — Setting the World on Fire!" had a certain ring, but I was after something a little more fizzy, eventually plumping for "A Big Hello to Hell — The Damnation Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation!" with the slightly more downmarket, "There's Always Somethin' Cookin' in Hell!" printed on T-shirts and worn by our lovely troupe of dolly-birds, Hell's Belles.

Within weeks, we had thrown a reception — a fork supper (very in keeping) — to launch what we see as the hottest product in town. A softer, more approachable Mr Bubb gave a witty, caring sort of speech, and afterwards the dearest little apple volau-vents were consumed by the assembled journalists.

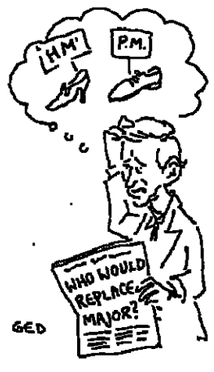
We are now hoping that dear old Alun will be able to place an article in *High Life* magazine. But then again, he probably has bigger fish to fry.

Who takes charge?

Although Dan Quayle yesterday missed his appointment with destiny as America's three-minute president, constitutional experts have been considering what might happen here if John Major were suddenly stricken with an illness requiring a temporary transfer of power.

The American constitution makes clear that Vice-President Quayle is, as they say, a mere heartbeat away from the presidency; but in Britain there is no directive covering incapacity of a prime minister. Downing Street says that decision-making would be in the hands "collectively, of the most senior ministers".

The official cabinet list ranks Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, highest in seniority after the



prime minister, but because of his legal responsibilities he would not be a suitable stand-in. Third in the pecking order is Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

Lord Blake, the historian, believes the matter would be at the discretion of the prime minister. "The natural choice would be Douglas Hurd," says Blake. "But if he were abroad, it could be Kenneth Baker. Somehow I think it wouldn't be Michael Heseltine."

Political observers agree that Hurd would almost certainly be the man to receive the crucial telephone call from Andrew Turnbull, Major's principal private secretary. However, it is over 30 years since a stand-in enjoyed more than a brief moment of glory. In November 1956, Rab Butler deputised for three weeks while Sir Anthony Eden recuperated in the West Indies.

The most recent occasion was in August 1986, when Mrs Thatcher underwent an operation on her hand. She briefly passed power to Lord Whitelaw, then deputy prime minister: "Margaret was under anaesthetic for about an hour, and was perfectly fit again the same day," says Whitelaw, who was at his Cumbria retreat while nominally in charge. "I didn't have to decide anything."

History reformed

As Boris Yeltsin prepares to set up his own KGB in the Russian federation, the original model is trying to deny Mikhail Gorbachev credit for his principal achievement. It has erected a plaque to Yuri Andropov, his predecessor but one as president and party leader, claiming that he, not Gorbachev, was the architect of perestroika.



The plaque is in one of Moscow's bloodiest buildings, the Lubianka, outside the suite of rooms from which Andropov ran the secret police for 13 years. The rooms, preserved as a memorial to him, were recently filmed by John Ranelagh, who is making a series of programmes about the KGB for Channel 4. "This was where Yuri Andropov, chairman of the KGB, lived and worked, and where perestroika was born," says the plaque.

"His old organisation is immensely proud of Andropov," says Ranelagh. "The plaque was the first thing they wanted to show me."

The claim does not surprise Harry Shukman, lecturer in Russian history at St Antony's College, Oxford. "The KGB is trying to show what a modern, reforming body it is," he says. "It would not even be beyond it to have set up the whole shrine for the benefit of the cameras."

● *Although it is the most lucrative of all literary awards, with a top prize of £25,000, the announcement of this year's NCR shortlist failed to raise even a smidgeon of publicity. Knowing how to appeal to the sporting instinct, Ludovic Kennedy, chairman of the judges, has suggested to National Cash Register that the contest should be renamed the National, with future award ceremonies coinciding with the Aintree classic.*

Out for the count

No details of the results of last week's local elections in Ambridge and Borchester passed the lips of the normally talkative characters of *The Archers*, even though the late Dan Archer was for years chairman of the parish council and another character, Brian Aldridge, once considered running for Borchester county council.

Surely the everyday story of country folk should have referred to this topical issue of rural life? Not so, says producer Niall Fraser, who confirms that the decision was deliberate. "We ignored the elections because they were just too political for us." But how will Ambridge avoid mention of Michael Heseltine's plans for single-tier local government, a proposal likely to have shire and district councils at each other's throat?

"We have never created a district council," says Fraser. "We do not tend to delve into local government breakdown. Characters often talk about living in South Borchester, so that could be the name of the district council." How will we know if it is abolished?

Public exhibition

Sir John Pope-Hennessy has robustly defended attacks in his forthcoming autobiography on his successors as director of the Victoria & Albert Museum. In the book, *Learning to Look*, the 77-year-old scholar describes Elizabeth Esteve-Coll as a "bad employer" and says Sir Roy Strong's regime "reduced the museum to a level from which it will not recover for many years".

Sir Roy describes the attack as the ranting of a forgotten old man consumed by envy. "I think it was difficult for him to see someone like me, from a grammar school and terraced-house background, suddenly storm the art world in lace and velvet," he says. Speaking from his home in Florence, Sir John replies: "It may be unusually harsh, but I meant it to be harsh and I haven't the slightest regret."

By contrast, Mrs Esteve-Coll's official response is saintly. "Memoirs are very personal," she says. "When someone looks back over his life he is entitled to his own vision of the past." Perhaps privately she longs to break a few plates from the ceramics department over Sir John's head.

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TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

The American presidential race of 1992, its start delayed by the Gulf War and the dearth of Democrats willing to challenge the commander-in-chief, has now begun. President Bush did not intend to begin his call to the hustings when he went jogging at Camp David on Saturday. Instead, a faulty trigger in the circuitry of his heart fired the starting gun which politicians of both parties seemed unwilling to fire for themselves.

The unorthodox start has led to two results. The Republicans are reassessing the membership of their team, with an immediate query over the candidacy of the vice president, Dan Quayle. On the Democratic side, senior figures who were wondering whether to stand against an apparently unbeatable Mr Bush have seen in the president's irregular heartbeat a sudden call of duty to the party's colours.

The vice president has never fully recovered from the mauling he received in 1988 at the hands of both his opponents and his own side over his failure to serve in Vietnam. He has won respect for bold advice to Mr Bush from many in Washington, and has certainly toured the country to raise money for Republican candidates. But he is still not the man whom most Americans, even of his own party, would like to see a heartbeat away from the White House, particularly if that heartbeat is at all erratic.

There is nothing in the rulebook to say that an incumbent presidential ticket should remain the same. If Mr Bush wanted as vice president General Colin Powell or his old friend, James Baker, history would be on his side. He need not be rushed into a decision about his own or his vice president's future unless his heart trouble becomes chronic. But the Quayle issue will not now go away.

The Democrats still have only one declared candidate, the former Massachusetts senator, Paul Tsongas, whose vigorously pro-business programme serves chiefly to embarrass the more traditional party barons such as New York Governor Mario Cuomo and House majority leader, Richard Gephardt. Both are waiting to see if they can win before deciding whether to run.

Mr Tsongas will do his greatest service to the Democrats if he can divert attention from the programmes of Jesse Jackson and the north-eastern liberals who tend to dominate the early primaries. Others such as Senator Al Gore of Tennessee may then come forward as a plausible presidential candidate. The Democrats have had only four years out of the past 23 in the White House and are in danger of being seen as the party of Congress but not of charismatic national leadership.

The Republican agenda for 1992 is already becoming clear. Before he began his now famous jog, Mr Bush delivered one of his sharpest attacks on the Democratic belief in centralised programmes for the relief of poverty and racial equality. He rejected the claims of President Johnson's Great Society and promoted a society of individual enterprise, choice and self-help. Republicans are convinced that ordinary Americans are opposed to further spending and statutory discrimination in favour of ethnic minorities. They feel they can now exploit more overtly the white backlash that Ronald Reagan exploited covertly.

The president's speech on Saturday replaced one which he had intended to deliver on foreign policy but which was judged untimely because of post-war disappointments in the Middle East. Many miles of yellow ribbon will have been expended before the 1992 campaign is over. Behind every parade of returning troops is a Republican vote-catcher. But as the campaign begins in earnest, both sides realise that the important battleground is at home. This is not new. The politics of the United States has always been that of the melting pot. But by now the melting was supposed to have been complete. This could be an unpleasant campaign.

REVENGE OF THE JOBLESS

Unemployment was the dog that did not bark in the 1983 and 1987 general elections. The Conservatives cruised to victory with large majorities despite two to three million people being out of work. Now an analysis by *The Times* (see page 7) suggests that there might indeed have been a correlation in last week's local elections between rising unemployment and electoral swings against the Tories in southern seats. In virtually all the marginal seats in the south that the Conservatives would have lost on last Thursday's vote, unemployment was rising much faster than the national average. Might job losses, and the recession of which they are the most public symptom, be more important in the forthcoming general election than in the previous two?

In 1983, unemployment did appear to change the way individuals voted. The Tories suffered a 1 point fall in their national vote, but a 10 point fall amongst the unemployed. This barely affected the result because most of the unemployed lived in Labour areas, merely increasing anti-government votes in safe Labour constituencies. Meanwhile, those people who kept their jobs were probably more pleased with the fall in inflation than they were worried about the rise in unemployment. There was a widespread feeling that British industry was overmanned, that a shake-out, however painful, was necessary. Fewer than a third of people questioned in 1982 blamed the government for it.

This recession is different. A *Times* survey earlier this year found that unemployment was rising five times faster in Conservative than in Labour seats. Admittedly the unemployment *level* in these seats is still low, but the trend worries those who suddenly fear a fate that, until now, has seemed remote from their lives. Moreover, while the jobs lost in the early 1980s were primarily male, manual and unionised in manufacturing firms, this year's shake-out is hitting white-collar, mainly non-unionised, workers in the service sector.

These are the people who tended to vote Labour until the mid-1970s, but switched to the Conservatives in 1979. They did what the government advised throughout the Eighties: started or joined small, new companies in what was seen as the expansionist sector of the economy in the most thriving part of the country. They worked hard and did not join a trade union. Many took out large mortgages to buy houses in the south.

Such voters believed that the 1980-2 recession had made industry leaner and fitter and able to survive any subsequent economic downturn without the need to shed jobs. Even if they accept the rationale for John Major's deflationary winter, they are unlikely to excuse him the blame for what it is costing them. Unlike many of those who were made redundant in the early 1980s, these are not the sort of people who will not bother to vote. And they are likely to be as mobile in their political allegiance as in their economic behaviour.

Improvement elsewhere in the economy will help to offset this. Inflation, which hurts everybody, and interest rates, which hurt many, are both likely to fall further this year. But unemployment lags behind the rest of the economy by several years. While output started to rise again in 1982, unemployment did not begin to fall until 1986. The pattern is likely to be repeated in this recession. Even if growth starts to pick up later this year, jobs will continue to be lost well into 1992. The longer the Conservatives postpone an election, the more electoral damage this could cause. Unemployment could turn into the dog that bit.

A PRINCE IN BOHEMIA

La Bohème is not just an opera, nor merely the unbourgeois lifestyle which Puccini celebrated. Bohemia is also a province of the modern state of Czechoslovakia, notoriously described by Neville Chamberlain as "a far away country" before he ceded the Sudetenland to Hitler at Munich. This week's visit to Prague, Brno and Bratislava by the Prince and Princess of Wales should be seen here, as it will be by Czechs and Slovaks, as the symbolic revival of an old alliance. The British and the Bohemians may be far apart, but religion and dynasty have regularly linked the two nations.

As a future head of the Church of England, Prince Charles will no doubt be shown the church in Prague where the reformer Jan Huss preached. The Prince is himself a direct descendant of a king of Bohemia. His ancestor is not the blind King John, who fell heroically at Crécy, nor his celebrated son, Charles IV, later Holy Roman Emperor, who built the university and bridge which bear his name in Prague, but Frederick, Elector Palatine and husband of Elizabeth, eldest daughter of our own James I.

This romantic couple, later known as the Winter King and Queen, reigned in Prague for only one winter from 1619 to 1620. Frederick's election to the throne by the Bohemian diet ended in disaster when the Protestant Frederick was defeated by the Catholic Habsburgs at the battle of the White Mountain, overture to the Thirty Years' War. The deposed couple lost the Palatinate too and sought exile in the Hague. Their son Rupert became a famous general in the English Civil War. Their daughter Sophia became Electress of Hanover; her son George inherited the English throne.

The president of the Czech and Slovak republic, Václav Havel, is unlikely to feel awkward with his royal guest. He and the prince ought to get on famously. The Bohemian throne was elective rather than hereditary, so Mr Havel can claim that his office has changed its name rather than its substance. The anti-monarchism of the first republic of Thomas Masaryk and Eduard Beneš, which was directed against the previous Habsburg regime, would be absurd in the republic of President Havel, whose chief adviser is Prince Karl Schwarzenberg.

For his part, Prince Charles is too modest to remind a host with such a record of resistance to communism of how, several times during the 1980s, the heir to the throne broke with precedent by publicly criticising Ceausescu's Romania. Charles will visit one of the worst cases of environmental despoliation, in a Bohemian mining region. But the prince is likely to return full of admiration for the fragile, grimy grandeur of old Prague.

While the Prince of Wales may not share President Havel's taste for cafe society, the two men undoubtedly share a deeply serious attitude to life. Both have been disciples of elderly philosophers: Jan Patočka for the president, Laurens van der Post for the prince. Both share a love of the theatre, though Charles will have some explaining to do if the conversation turns to his beloved Shakespeare. The Bard once made a curious reference to "the coast of Bohemia", which provided the title for a novel in English by the Czech writer Zdena Tomin. If, as the prince advocates, more Shakespeare is to be taught in British schools, Mr Havel may want to be reassured that British geography lessons will be improved too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Threat to scrap HMS Endurance

From Lord Shackleton and others

Sir, It has long been established that the decision to withdraw HMS Endurance from service in the South Atlantic in 1982 was one factor which precipitated the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands. If different signals had been given, the conflict might have been avoided.

The Franks committee after the war concluded

that it was inadvisable for the Government to announce a decision to withdraw HMS Endurance and that, in the light of the developing situation in the second half of 1981, they should have rescinded their decision to pay off HMS Endurance at the end of her 1981/82 tour. (Para. 288, CMnd. 8787, 1983).

After the Falklands war Endurance was given a major refit, to enable her to continue her annual deployments until 1995, when a modern replacement would take over, and remain the only ice-strengthened ship in the Royal Navy.

It is now believed that the Ministry of Defence is proposing once again to scrap the ship, and not to replace her. Attempts to get confirmation one way or the other from ministers in both Houses of Parliament have been unsuccessful so far, and there appear to be grounds for concern.

Much has changed in the situation affecting the Falklands and the Antarctic since 1982 and there could conceivably be arguments for a different balance in our defence arrangements and military presence in the South Atlantic and the Antarctic. But in that event we urge the government to declare its intentions and deploy the arguments so that they can be properly considered and debated.

Yours faithfully,
SHACKLETON, JULIAN AMERY,
BUXTON,
CALLAGHAN of CARDIFF,
VIVIAN FUCHS, JELLICOE, PYM,
MICHAEL SHERSBY
Palace of Westminster.
May 3.

Future of Cyprus

From the High Commissioner for Cyprus

Sir, Your report of April 23, entitled "Denktash gesture offers hope of Cyprus deal" is completely off the mark, as is Mr Denktash's attempt to appear serious in seeking a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

The suggestions to which you refer in no way allow for a serious dialogue to lead us out of the impasse that Mr Denktash created with his known preconditions at the meeting with the UN Secretary General in March last year.

It would be farcical to consider Mr Denktash's suggestions for a military freeze, or those concerning the town of Varoshia and a non-aggression pact as the steps necessary toward the establishment of a *unitary federal independent state*, as provided by the relevant UN resolutions and the agreements signed by Mr Denktash himself in 1977 and 1979. If anything, Mr Denktash's suggestions are aimed at perpetuating the division and consolidating the faits accomplis of the Turkish invasion.

We await serious proposals on the substance of the problem from the Turkish side. If Turkey and Mr Denktash are ready to heed the spirit of the times, they must come forward with constructive proposals that are consistent with the UN resolutions and the high-level agreements.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELOS ANGELIDES,
Cyprus High Commission,
93 Park Street, W1.
April 26.

Listed buildings

From Mr Bob Reid

Sir, Sir Norman Foster's Willis Faber building in Ipswich merits all the "reflected glory" of grade-one listed status (photograph, April 26). It is not, however, the first 1970s building to be listed for its architectural and historic interest.

That particular accolade goes to the BOAC building at 83-85 Buchanan Street in Glasgow. Designed by Gillespie, Kidd and Coia, this four-storey office building was built in 1970. According to *Historic Scotland*, it is noted for its "copper-clad reinforced concrete structure" which is expressed in "three floors of shaped jettied windows and cornice". Come and see it for yourself! Britain includes more than English Heritage would have us believe.

Yours faithfully,
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April 29.

Unresolved questions in the NHS

From the Chief Executive of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London

Sir, The furore over job losses at Guy's (report, April 26; letters, April 30) has obscured the fact that the issues there confront all London hospitals, not simply NHS trusts.

The health service reforms are being implemented against a background of major unresolved policy questions for healthcare in the capital. There is a long-standing tension between services' responsibility for meeting the health needs of Londoners and their role as national and international centres of excellence for medical research and education.

Primary care is poorly developed in many areas — often those where deprivation is most serious. Services must address the needs of a substantial commuter population and seasonal influxes of tourists. In addition — and critically — inner London's legacy of major teaching hospitals has remained largely unchanged while its population has declined substantially.

It has proved difficult to develop a strategy to address these problems when the management and planning of London's acute services is fragmented across four regions and ten inner-London health districts and the capital's eight post-graduate teaching hospitals remain directly accountable to the Department of Health.

Given this complex background, the roots of a coherent vision for the future are not to be found in knee-jerk reactions to bed closures and staff cuts. What is lacking is hard data and any semblance of a Lor 'on-wide strategy.

The King's Fund's London Commission has been established to "develop a broad vision of the pattern of acute health services that would make sense for London in the 1990s and in the early years of the next century".

The Commission's first working paper on the health needs of Londoners will be published in the autumn. It and subsequent papers will bring together the most comprehensive body of information on health and healthcare in the capital that we have yet seen. Any reasonable approach to the future requires such a solid basis for strategic decision-making.

Yours faithfully
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May 2.

From Dr R. S. Elkeles

Sir, Your leader of April 29 sadly misrepresents the reality of the NHS reforms. You indicate that for the first time patients will be given choices. The reverse is true. Under the old scheme patients could be seen at any hospital of their choice. Now we are not allowed to see patients from outside our own district unless a specific contract exists between the patient's district or a fund-holding practice.

The actions of management both professional and medical are dominated by budgetary considerations. Planning on the basis of need has been replaced by an artificial market created by this government in the naive belief that health care is a commodity which can be bought and sold like groceries. An insane scheme has been thrust upon us through political ideology. These reforms should be assigned to the same bin as the community charge.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. ELKELES
(Consultant physician),
St Mary's Hospital,
Praed Street, W2.
April 30.

From Dr J. Hampson

Sir, As one of the "grand consultants" cited in your leader and incidentally one who retired today after 43 years in the NHS, I agree "that the government's NHS reforms aim to use the market as a means to measure efficiency and direct funds". But not all health services are marketable commodities, at least not all to the same degree, and not all will survive in a competitive environment.

If a general practitioner contracts with a particular hospital for medical and surgical services, then his/her patient will perforce go to that hospital, however inconvenient.

Some hospitals will undoubtedly flourish; others will undoubtedly deteriorate — a two-tier system and indirectly discriminating between rich and poor. The poor will have no choice.

Yours faithfully,
JOE HAMPSON,
4 The Green, Brompton,
Northallerton,
North Yorkshire.
April 29.

From the Director of the Patients Association

Sir, Among the leading doctors, nurses and managers invited to the Chequers "summit" by Mr Major last weekend to discuss future plans for the NHS no patients' organisations were included.

This seems to give the lie to the often-repeated assertion by this government that the consumer is king.

Yours faithfully,
LINDA LAMONT, Director,
The Patients Association,
18 Victoria Park Square,
Bethnal Green, E2.
April 29.

Wider role for nurses

From Mr Dudley Fishburn, MP for Kensington (Conservative)

Sir, There are not many issues upon which all the players in the National Health Service are agreed. It is a pity, therefore, that the government let a bill slip today (May 3) which had the support of doctors, nurses and patients and both sides of the House of Commons: a bill to allow nurses to write prescriptions for a limited list of medical products.

Nurse-prescribing, which is already accepted practice in Canada and the United States, has many advantages. It costs nothing. It reduces the queue at the doctor's surgery. It provides help to the patient — especially the infirm, the handicapped and the terminally ill — at home, on a visit from the community nurse. (At the moment a patient who is, say, incontinent cannot get so much as a bedpad on the health service without a doctor's signature. What bureaucracy!)

We should allow nurses — especially the 29,000 most highly-trained visiting nurses — more responsibility, which they want and are fully capable of handling.

Three separate official reports have supported the idea. My bill would have provided the mere handful of words needed to amend two existing acts. This would have allowed nurses to prescribe not heavy-duty drugs but the simple necessities from bandages to painkillers. One day nurse-prescribing will come to Britain. What a shame that this was not the day.

Yours faithfully,
DUDLEY FISHBURN,
House of Commons, SW1.
May 3.

Car accident rates

From Mr John Barber

Sir, The transport department statistics on car accidents by model summarised by Kevin Eason (April 26) may be misleading.

Although cars registered by companies have, we understand, been excluded there may still be significant differences in the mileages driven by private owners of, say, Ford or Vauxhall compared with Volkswagen or Volvo cars by reason of differing usage, particularly the amount of business use by individual owners.

This kind of analysis may prove to be a useful contribution to safety but it needs to take account of average mileages by model to be a true guide to purchasers and fair to the manufacturers.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARBER (Director),
Economists Advisory Group,
38 Spring Street, W2.
April 30.

The British way

From Mr M. J. Platts

Sir, You "Comment" in Business News (April 30) that "the British way has produced by far the most powerful, successful and dynamic accountancy profession in Europe". One observes that the German way has produced by far the most powerful, successful and dynamic manufacturing industry in Europe.

John Major recently commented that there were apparently some 120,000 accountants in Britain compared to about 7,000 in Germany. At the same time the turnover of a manufacturing industry sector in Germany is typically four to five times that of its British counterpart. You conclude that "British industry gains from the expert advice of accountants". What "gains", precisely?

Yours faithfully,
J. M. PLATTS,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Engineering,
Mill Lane, Cambridge.

Small claims change

From Mr B. V. Rowe

Sir, The county court small claim jurisdiction is to be increased by £500 to £1,000 on July 1, 1991. Whilst this may be a welcome step for parties involved in minor building disputes, consumer contracts, and similar actions, the increase will seriously damage the interests of all those seeking compensation for personal injuries.

Countless do so each year, with the assistance of legal representation, secure in the knowledge that their legal costs will be recouped if their claim succeeds. In the "Small Claims Court", where proceedings are intended to be informal, costs are not awarded in favour of the successful party.

Appropriate though this may be for debt and consumer cases, it is wholly inappropriate for personal injury claims, the majority of which arise from accidents on the road or at work. In such cases, the defendants must be insured by law. The claims departments of insurance companies are in effect full-time professional defendants; how can an accident victim who makes a claim be expected to possess a corresponding expertise without having the benefit of legal representation?

The difficulties go beyond this. How is a claimant to know what his claim is worth without advice? In road accident cases, it is not uncommon for the insurers to allege some breach of policy condition and argue that they are not liable to pay. How is the unrepresented claimant expected to know of the obligations of insurers imposed by the Road Traffic Act, or in the case of the uninsured motorist, of the existence and requirements of the Motor Insurers Bureau?

Accident victims should not be penalised, either by facing the prospect of further financial injury on being deprived of their legal costs in successful claims for compensation, or alternatively facing the additional hardship and struggle of conducting such claims after an accident without the benefit of legal representation.

Yours faithfully,
B. V. ROWE (Chairman),
Motor Accident Solicitors Society,
Bridge House,
48-52 Baldwin Street,
Bristol, Avon.
April 25.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Scotland's place in banking issues

From Mr Angus Grossart

Sir, It is a matter of serious regret that, yet again, a major UK initiative taken by the Bank of England has been entirely structured from within the City of London. All 11 members, the chairman, the secretariat and the seconded support of the committee formed to identify areas of legal uncertainty in financial markets, are to be drawn from London (report, Business and Finance, April 29).

The issues which the committee will consider and their recommendations will affect the whole of the UK, including the very large financial sector in Scotland. This sector operates through many of the markets in London and is regulated by bodies based in London; equally, it contributes handsomely to the expense of the UK financial structure. Is it not therefore equitable that we should be able to participate in a matter which so clearly bears on our interests?

In recent years the Scottish financial sector has held different views on certain issues and been less affected by short-term financial fashion than London, and its experience has also been distinctive. A Scottish perspective might have added to the total strength of the committee.

Scotland has often been criticised in the past, and perhaps correctly, for being too introspective. As the Scottish financial sector has expanded and gained in confidence that criticism has become less and less valid. It is a measure of that change that much of the sector seeks a wider involvement in the UK, albeit from a Scottish base.

It is therefore doubly ironic that the cap of provincialism seems to have been picked up by the Bank of England on this occasion. It looks an uncomfortable fit. This may also be an issue for the attention of the prime minister, when he visits Scotland next week.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS GROSSART (Chairman),
Noble Grossart Ltd.,
48 Queen Street,
Edinburgh.
April 29.

East Timor status

From Mr Jan Arriens

Sir, I am reluctant to disagree with Carmel Budiardjo (April 29) whose valiant efforts on behalf of the East Timorese I have long admired, but it is not true to say that Australia somehow acquiesced to the Indonesian invasion because of oil interests.

In 1973 and 1974 I was head of the political section at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. Although there were rumours of oil off the southern coast of East Timor no discoveries were, to my knowledge, made at that time. In so far as oil was a factor, it worked the other way, enhancing the case for independence for what was otherwise a desperately poor and unstable enclave.

The Australian government made strenuous efforts to dissuade Indonesia from invading. Indonesia's intense preoccupation with internal security — in particular its fear of Chinese influence in Timor, and that Timor would go communist — and the military nature of the regime made this impossible.

Yours sincerely
JAN ARRIENS,
3 Middlemoor Road,
Whitlesford,
Cambridge.
May 2.

Two-year degrees

From Professor P. R. Gamble

Sir, Recently advanced proposals for two-year degree courses have some alarming implications. Our European partners already look askance on three-year degrees and in some professional areas, qualifications of four years or more are the recognised minimum.

British three-year degrees do not qualify graduates to work in many public service enterprises and are often insufficient to provide an entry route to membership of professional bodies in other parts of the EC. Across the Atlantic, a two-year course is usually accredited merely as an associate degree.

Overseas students choosing to pursue their higher education in the UK rightly do so because of the quality of the product. It is difficult to see how either the image or the reality can be maintained if the notion of shorter degree courses is pursued. It will be especially unfortunate if, in addition to the loss of a substantial overseas student market, our own graduates are required to undergo further studies in order to have their qualifications recognised elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL R. GAMBLE,
University of Surrey,
European Management Studies,
Guildford, Surrey.

Cross words

From Mr Henry Galazka

Sir, Yet another example of the Listener Crossword in yesterday's *Saturday Review* convinces me that its concept is flagrantly elitist. I now have an inferiority complex (and my first act of aggression is to write this letter).

Yours faithfully,
HENRY GALAZKA,
5 Kinnaird Close,
Bromley, Kent.
April 28.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 6: The Princess Royal today attended a Charity Race Day organised by Portland College for People with Disabilities and opened the new Race Track and Grandstand at Southwell Racecourse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present today at the unveiling of the S.O.E. 'F' Section Memorial at Valençay, France.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 6: The Prince and Princess of Wales departed from RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, this morning at the start of a tour of Czechoslovakia.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Peter Westmacott, Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF, Mr Richard Arbiter and Surgeon-Captain Anthony Osborne, RN, are in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.F.S. Arthur
and Miss M.G. Maccioni
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Sir Norman and Lady Arthur, of Kirkcudbrightshire, and Marietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alvaro Maccioni, of Kingston, Surrey.

Mr H.F. Balfour
and Miss E.P. Lee
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Balfour, of Loders, Dorset, and Evie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Yong Kun Lee, of Jakarta. The marriage will take place in Australia.

Mr H.W. Ball
and Miss E.A. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Hywel, son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Ball, of Llangynidr, Powys, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Hamilton, of Duns, Berwickshire.

Mr C.R.D. Bateson
and Miss C.V.M. Darlaston
The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F.D. Bateson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs P.J. Darlaston, of Mapperley Park, Nottinghamshire.

Mr E.F.R. D'Angelo
and Miss M. Marriott
The engagement is announced between Enrico, elder son of Mr and Mrs Luigi D'Angelo, of Woodley, Berkshire, and Matilda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn Marriott, of Holland Park, London.

Mr T.J. Gilje
and Miss F.C. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Terje, son of Mr and Mrs K.O. Gilje, of Oslo, Norway, and Fodi, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.G. Thompson, of Garstang, Lancashire.

Mr M.G.H. Goodwin
and Miss V.J. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Maxwell, son of Mr and Mrs William Goodwin, of Penrith, Cumbria, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Keith Lewis, CB, and Mrs Keith Lewis, of Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr J. Le T. Illingworth
and Miss E.L. Morgan
The engagement is announced between James Le Tall, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.S.H. Illingworth, of Stogumber, Somerset, and Erica Louise, youngest daughter of Mr V.H. Morgan, of Gilwern, Gwent, and Mrs J. Morgan, of Little Mill, Gwent.

Mr D.J. Lawrence
and Miss A-L.T. Harper
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Lawrence, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Anna-Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Harper, of Cansiron Wood, Cowden, Kent.

Dr I.W. Parker
and Dr A.L. Billson
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of the late Lieutenant-Commander N.W. Parker and of Mrs Ronald Amey, of Bessels Leigh, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hew Billson, of Wivelsfield Green, Sussex.

Mr J.B.M. Seddon
and Miss M.K. Fergusson
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs John Seddon, of Jakarta, Indonesia, and of Richmond, Surrey, and Marietta, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Fergusson, of Tudor Place, The Green, Richmond, Surrey.

Mr U.H. Trivedi
and Miss K.S.J. Naylor
The engagement is announced between Uday, eldest son of Dr and Mrs H.V. Trivedi, of Thurcaston, Leicestershire, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Naylor, of Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Marriage

Mr P.J. Hazell
and Miss B.K. Crosthwaite
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 27, 1991, at St Nicholas' Church, Guisborough, Cleveland, between Peter Hazell, only son of Mr and Mrs George Hazell, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Belinda Crosthwaite, younger daughter of Mrs Allan Kerr, of Skutterskelfe, Cleveland, and the late Mr Richard Crosthwaite.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the 1991 Templeton prize at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; as an honorary life member of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, will present the Prince Philip award for 1990 and the certificates of merit at Buckingham Palace at 12.10; and, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust and a gold card member of the Variety Club of Great Britain, will attend a sponsored sport luncheon at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.35. Later, as president and honorary life fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, he will hold a meeting at Buckingham Palace at 4.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 11.55 to mark the worldwide celebration of midwifery.

The Duchess of York, patron, will attend the Motor Neurone Disease Association 1991 research grantees' meeting at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, at 12.30.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend the West of Scotland business reception at the Burrell Collection, Pollock Country Park, Glasgow, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the new bureau premises at Brighouse, West Yorkshire, at 10.10 to mark its silver jubilee; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, she will visit Weavestyle, Riverside, Silsden, near Keighley, at 11.45; and visit the International Wool Secretariat, Valley Drive, Ilkley, at 1.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the East Midlands Tourist Board, will lay the foundation stone of the new amenity site at Papplewick Pumping Station, Nottingham, at 10.05; open an exhibition "Painters Paradise" at Patchings Farm Art Centre at 10.30; will visit the Butterfly Park at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, at 11.15; visit the gardens at Springfields, Spalding, at 12.45; and visit the Parish Church, Guildhall Museum and Blackfriars Art Centre, Boston, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 3.00 for members of the QARNNS and PMRAFNS who served in The Gulf.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1711; Robert Browning, poet, London 1812; Norman Shaw, architect, Edinburgh, 1831; Johannes Brahms, composer, Hamburg, 1833; Peter Tchaikovsky, composer, Votkinsk, Russia, 1840; Archibald Primrose, 5th Earl of Rosebery, prime minister 1894-95, London, 1847; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1861; Marshal Tito (Josip Broz), president of Yugoslavia 1953-80, Kumrove, 1892; Archibald Macleish, poet and dramatist, Glencoe, Illinois, 1892; Gary Cooper, film star, Helena, Montana, 1901.

DEATHS: Thomas Barnes, Editor, *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1841; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, lord chancellor 1830-34, a founder of London University, Cannes, 1868; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, London, 1890; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1932-35, London, 1940; Sir James Frazer, anthropologist, Cambridge, 1941.

The Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, nearly 2,000 people perished, 1915.

Magdalen College School, Oxford

Awards have been made as follows in 1991:

Academic Scholarships
Major Scholarships: B.L. Buley, New College School, Oxford; R.L. Harris, Dragon School, Oxford; G.J. Sanders, MCS, formerly St Louis RC Combined School, Aylesbury; C.P. Wilds, MCS, formerly Eynsham Primary School, Oxon.

Minor Scholarships: W.H.G. Brocklise, MCS, formerly St Nicolas CE Primary School, Abingdon; N.W. Kendrick, MCS, formerly Wootton CE Primary School, Oxon.

Music Scholarships
Major Scholarship: M. Whitecross, MCS, formerly Wolvercote First School, Oxford.
Minor Scholarships: W.H.G. Brocklise, MCS, formerly St Nicolas CE Primary School, Abingdon; M. Comishaw, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; D.T. Pattinson, New College School, Oxford.

College Choristerships: G.M. Breen, St Nicholas CE Junior School, Harpenden; R.M. Burley, Windrush Valley School, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxon; G.A. Roberts, Shaw-cum-Donnington CE Primary School, Berkshire.

Shipwrights' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr R.A.H. Arnold; Renter Warden, Mr D.I. Moor; Second Warden, Sir Brian Shaw; Third Warden, Mr M.C. Robinson; Fourth Warden, Mr O.S. Kvernedal.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES ELTON

Charles Sutherland Elton, FRS, director of the Oxford University Bureau of Animal Population from 1932 to 1967, died on May 1 aged 91. He was born on March 29, 1900.



CHARLES Elton was internationally renowned as a pioneer of animal ecology. He was passionately devoted to natural history, rebelled against the entrenched tradition of laboratory work and preferred to study natural populations. He played a leading role in nature conservation in Britain after the second world war and was a member of the Wild Life Special Committee (the Huxley Committee) upon whose recommendations, among others, the Nature Conservancy was set up in 1948.

As well as directing the Bureau of Animal Population, Elton was reader in animal ecology and senior research fellow of Corpus Christi College from 1936 to 1967, and an honorary fellow after his retirement.

He was educated at Liverpool College and New College, Oxford, took his degree in zoology with first class honours in 1922 and, for a while, demonstrated in the Department of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy. Later he resigned to be free to develop the research for which he was to become world famous.

Elton's deep enthusiasm for studying plants and animals in natural conditions was inspired by his elder brother, Geoffrey, who died relatively young, and it was his hope that the bureau of animal population, which he founded in 1932, would be a permanent memorial to his brother.

Elton's early expeditions, as undergraduate and graduate, to Spitzbergen (1921, 1923 and 1924) and to Lapland (1930) prompted the two main lines of research on which he was to concentrate. Spitzbergen's comparatively simple plant and animal communities led him to pioneer the description and analysis of more complex animal communities and to seek for principles upon which they were regulated. His first book, *Animal Ecology* (1927), foreshadowed what was practically a whole new discipline and was the prime stimulus to young biologists all over the world to put animal ecology on the map. His work on the communities of Wytham Woods, near Oxford, which lasted from the end of the second world war to and beyond his retirement in 1967, involved working out a new method of classifying habitats by structure. Elton catalogued and analysed the relationships of some 4,000 species of animals at Wytham. The principles involved were explored with a wealth of scholarly documentation in his *Pattern of Animal Communities* (1966).

This lucid book, and the earlier book of 1927, now a classic, are probably his most significant contributions. After his retirement Elton turned to the animal communities of the tropical rain forest and again showed that a keen mind can uncover important principles.

Elton's second line of research sparked off far more immediate interest and collaboration and formed the basis of the Bureau of Animal Population. During his expedition to Lapland he had noted the cyclical rises and falls of the populations of lemmings and other small rodents. This led first to some intensive pioneering studies of the population dynamics of rodents, and to extensive studies of cycles of numbers in Arctic rodents and lagomorphs and their predators. A broad survey of the whole problem, much of it based on the Hudson's Bay Company's records, was published in his book *Voles, Mice and Lemmings* in 1942.

During the war Elton directed a research team working on the control of rats, mice and rabbits. From 1949 to 1956 he served on the scientific policy committee of the Nature Conservancy. In 1947, when the Department of Zoological Field Studies was formed, the bureau of animal population became a stable research institute. Elton left the field of population dynamics and concentrated on his Wytham Woods survey.

Charles Elton was never an easy person to know and, as he grew older, he shunned society meetings and public gatherings more and more. It was in the field, perhaps, that he revealed himself most and it was always a privilege to witness his enthusiasm and the penetration of his observation and comment. This was matched by the orderliness and scholarship with which he documented and organized the information he brought in. Elton was not a prolific writer but all that he wrote made its mark. Apart from the books already mentioned, he also published, before the war, *Animal Ecology and Evolution*, *The Ecology of Animals* and *Exploring the Animal World*; and, after the war, *The Ecology of Invasions by Animals and Plants*, in which he outlined his own ideas about conservation. He launched the *Journal of Animal Ecology* and edited it from 1932 to 1951, and published many papers in scientific journals.

A high proportion of the graduate students in the bureau came from abroad. Elton probably had a greater influence on the teaching of ecology outside Britain than at home. His death will be mourned all over the world by people who owe much of their success to his inspiration.

In 1953 Charles Elton was elected fellow of the Royal Society. Subsequent awards were the gold medal of the Linnean Society in 1967, the Darwin Medal of the Royal Society in 1970, the John and Alice Tyler Award for Ecology (the equivalent of a Nobel Prize) in 1976 and the Edward W. Browning Award for Conserving the Environment in 1977.

He married in 1928 Rose Montague. In 1937 he married the poet Edith Joy Scovell. They both, and a son and daughter of the second marriage, survive him.

ROMAN JASINSKI

Roman Jasinski, former ballet dancer and director, died on April 16 aged 83. He was born in Warsaw.

ROMAN Jasinski will be remembered by those who saw him during the 1930s and 1940s as an exceptionally fine dancer in the leading romantic roles. He was noted, for instance, for his dancing in *Les Sylphides*, where he preserved a soft, gentle style in the old manner without looking old-fashioned or mannered. Yet he was also associated with the creation of new roles, and was the leading man in George Balanchine's first independent ballet company, Les Ballets 1933, where all the works were newly made.

From the 1950s, after he stopped dancing, Jasinski settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he founded a company which built a reputation first locally, then further afield. On visits to New York, the Tulsa Ballet Theatre was admired particularly for his revivals of neglected works from the time of his own performing career.

Roman Jasinski was born in Warsaw in 1907, although for many years biographical notes deducted five years from his age. His real surname was Czeslaw, and his father was an architect. After graduating from the ballet school of the Warsaw Opera House as the honour student of his class, Jasinski went to Paris and was engaged in 1928 as a member of Ida Rubinstein's Ballet which had Bronislava Nijinska as its ballet mistress and chief choreographer, and Frederick Ashton and David Lichine among its other dancers. In Paris, Jasinski studied further with the great teacher Lubov Egorova.

Subsequent engagements included some concert performances organised by Serge Lifar and a season under Leonide Massine at La Scala, Milan. Then in 1932 he was a founder member of the revived Russian ballet company assembled at Monte Carlo by René Blum with Colonel de Basil. When Balanchine left this company to found Les Ballets 1933, he took Jasinski with him as principal male dancer, and created leading roles for him in *Mozartiana*, *Les Songes*, *Errante*, *The Seven Deadly Sins*, and *Beethoven Waltzes* during the company's brief but artistically important seasons in Paris and London.

Economics soon compelled that company's closure. Balanchine went off to America to found what eventually became New York City Ballet; Jasinski paid his first visit there about the same time, again in a small troupe assembled by Lifar, and claimed that the audience whistled derisively at him because they were unused to seeing a man in tights.

Back in Europe, Jasinski rejoined the Ballets Russes, by now in de Basil's firm control, and remained the leading man throughout the triumphs of that decade, the difficulties of the war years, and the company's only post-war Covent Garden season in 1947, when a new generation of ballet goers admired his artistry, style, and presence. His repertoire during that period included Albrecht, the title part in *Le Spectre de la Rose*, Nijinsky's Faun, Massine's Hussar in *Le Beau Danube*, Lifar's Icare, and Lichine's Protée.

By 1947, the writing was on the wall for de Basil, and Jasinski went back to America to join the rival Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo which was based in New York, although it performed most of the year on coast-to-coast tours. During the early 1950s, he was for a time ballet master of that company, and also took time out to tour South America with Markova (1950) and Toumanova (1953), and North America with Danilova (1954).

In 1956, Jasinski retired from dancing. He had married in 1943 a fellow dancer, Moscelyne Larkin; she was of American Indian stock but danced under the Russianised name Moussia Larkina. They settled in the oil-rich city of Tulsa where they founded a school and then a company, known first as Tulsa Civic Ballet and later as Tulsa Ballet Theatre. It was one of a wave of similar companies started by ex-dancers, but proved more successful than most, thanks to the talents and determination of the Jasinskis, helped by his manner which was as courteous off stage as on.

Although he made new works for his dancers, Jasinski was especially admired for his careful revivals of works such as Fokine's *Paganini*, popular earlier but at risk of being forgotten, and a Mozart *Violin Concerto*, which Balanchine had staged in 1942 in Buenos Aires and had never shown elsewhere. The Tulsa company enjoyed success on two visits to New York during the 1980s; it is now directed by Roman L. Jasinski, the son of the founders, and himself a gifted dancer.

Jasinski's widow also survives him.

RONALD HAMLYN

Ronald Hamlyn, RAF fighter pilot, has died aged 77. He was born on February 26, 1914.

RONALD Fairfax Hamlyn destroyed at least 13 enemy planes during the second world war. In the Battle of Britain he was flying as a sergeant pilot and on August 24, 1940 he took off four times to destroy four Me 109s and a Ju 88. Two days later he destroyed another Me 109 and probably a second and on August 27 downed another. He was awarded a DFM and two days later destroyed another Me 109.

When the scramble alert sounded on one occasion during the battle, he was outside the camp returning from a 24-hour leave. He climbed the boundary fence, jumped into an unattended Spitfire and joined the squadron before it intercepted a large enemy formation. He destroyed a Dornier 17 bomber and then landed, twenty minutes before his leave was due to end.

Hamlyn was a sergeant in 610 Squadron at the outbreak of the second world war having joined the Auxiliary Air Force in 1936. The squadron received its first Spitfires early in 1940 and in July moved from Chester to Biggin Hill. Hamlyn's first "dog fight" victory was on July 3 when he shared credit with five other pilots for the downing of a Do 17. On August 14 he damaged an Me 109. He was commissioned in February 1941 and in June was posted to 242 Squadron flying Hurricanes when he destroyed two more 109s. The following month he became a flight commander and on July 4 shot down a Me 109. He claimed another on July 27. He later commanded 276 Air-Sea Rescue Squadron and received an AFC for this work. He then represented air-sea rescue at Bomber Command before moving to Normandy to become tactical liaison officer with the US 9th Air Force and instructing operational training units. He ended the war in West Africa where he commanded the RAF staging post at Maidugari. On his return to Britain he was given command, in 1952, of the squadron attached to No 2 Signals School and the following year commanded the flying unit at RAF College Cranwell. He retired as a squadron leader in 1957 having ended his RAF career at Church Fenton where he had begun it 20 years earlier.

But he retained his desire for service, and with handlebar moustache and monocle, to aid his sight, he never lost his panache. He was chairman of the local Conservatives at Launceston and also worked hard organising civil defence and in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Hamlyn was married twice and leaves two sons and a daughter.

SIR FREDERICK PEDLER

A. H. M. Kirk-Greene writes:

MIGHT I add something to your admirable obituary of Sir Frederick Pedler? Your obituarist mentions the *Pedler Family History* (1984). Perhaps because it was privately published, his revealing memoir *Business and Decolonization in West Africa* (1989) is not referred to. This constitutes an important testimony. In it, too, Pedler reveals for the first time how in October 1965 he was offered by his old friend, the Sardauna of Sokoto, the vice-chancellorship of Ahmadu Bello University.

In respect of his substantial contribution to Colonial Office policy-making, scholars working on the transfer of power in Africa would also wish to acknowledge Pedler's contribution, in particular his sensitive and telling minutes on the irrelevance of indirect rule after 1945 and the need to accommodate the demands of the nationalist movement.

Birthdays today

Mr Scobie Breasley, jockey, 76; Lord Briggs, 70; Mr Peter Carey, author, 48; Viscount Cross, 71; Sir Charles Cunningham, civil servant, 85; Sir Reay Geddes, former chairman, Dunlop Rubber Company, 79; Mrs Kitty Godfree, tennis player, 95; Professor R.Y. Goodden, architect, 82; Sir James Gowans, former deputy chairman, Medical Research Council, 67; the Right Rev Robert Taylor Halliday, Bishop of Brechin, 59.

Viscount Hampden, 54; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, explorer, 55; Mr Michael Hawkes, vice-chairman, Kleinwort Benson group, 62; Sir Lenox Hewitt, Australian industrialist, 74; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, author, 64; Lord Kirkhill, 61; Mr David Leach, potter, 80; Sir Neil Macfarlane, MP, 55; Sir Basil Nield, former MP and High Court judge, 88; Dr Tony O'Reilly, president, H.J. Heinz Company, 55; Mr Richard O'Sullivan, actor, 47; Mr W.M. Pybus, company chairman, 68; Sir Arthur Snelling, diplomat, 77; Miss Elisabeth Söderstrom, soprano, 64; Mr David Tomlinson, actor, 74; Sir Alan Traill, former Lord Mayor of London, 56; Major-General H.G. Woods, 67.

Gerald Peter Deane

A memorial Mass for Gerald Peter Deane will be held at 6.30 pm, on Monday, May 20, at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London, SW3. The Mass will be officiated by Monsignor George Tancred.

Bridge restored

Norfolk county council is to spend £50,000 restoring what is thought to be the first concrete bridge built in Britain. Homersfield bridge, which spans the river Waveney between Bungay and Harleston, was constructed in 1869.

Archaeology

Victorian Arctic team 'died of lead poisoning'

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the great mysteries of Arctic exploration, the fate of Sir John Franklin's last expedition, may have been solved by archaeological science. Analysis of body tissues and artefacts from his final, fatal attempt to find the Northwest Passage suggests that the entire crew was poisoned by lead from the tinned food supply.

Franklin's goal was to chart a sea passage through the Canadian Arctic, to link the North Atlantic to the Pacific. In the course of the 1845-48 expedition the entire complement of 129 officers and men on the 1845-46 crew died. While archives have been ransacked in search of an explanation, analysis of artefacts and human remains has only recently been carried out.

Walter Kowal and his colleagues from the University of Alberta report that a high lead level in bone, encountered during autopsy on one crew member found on King William Island, was "entirely unexpected".

Preliminary analysis of hair and bone samples showed lead levels higher than those in modern workers in high-lead industrial environments, and higher than the level of clinical lead poisoning. "The physiological and neurological effects of lead intoxication could have played a major role in the loss of the expedition," Kowal's group suggest.

To ascertain the source of the lead, bone samples were analysed from a group of between eight and 15 crewmen who had been buried on King William Island after April 1848, together with soft tissues, internal organs, hair and bone from three bodies preserved in permafrost on Beechey Island since 1846. Control samples of nineteenth century Inuit (Eskimo) and caribou bone, modern human bone and hair from western Canada, and solder from two 1880s food cans were also analysed, using atomic absorption spectrophotometry, mass spectrometry, and lead isotope assays.

The results showed lead levels more than 20 times higher in the livers and kidneys of the Franklin expedition members than in control samples, and five to ten times higher than in modern workers exposed to high environmental lead. The isotopic composition of the lead in the crew's tissues matched that in the solder used on their food tins. Up to 30 per cent of the interior surface of the tins was found to have been covered by solder: they were hand-made, with primary sealing done on the inside, followed by further sealing after the food was added.

Dr Kowal and his associates point out that recent reports estimate that between 10 and 40 per cent of dietary lead still comes from tinned food, and that somebody who ate only such food would have clinical lead poisoning symptoms after only a year. This is in spite of the fact that modern tins are sealed on the exterior and coated with lacquer to minimise contact between the food and the lead solder.

"It is easy to see why the canned food that the Franklin crew members were consuming was a serious health hazard. The exposed lead solder surface in the Franklin cans represents an area hundreds or thousands of times greater than that directed exposed in modern lacquered cans," they say.

Because half of ingested lead is eliminated from soft tissues within 21 to 40 days, reaching normal levels within 12 to 18 months of cessation of exposure, "most of the lead detected had to be ingested during the expedition"; the same applies to the hair samples analysed, and in both cases the lead isotopes matched those in the solder.

Source: *Journal of Archaeological Science* 18: 193-203.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev William A Buck, Curate, St Mary's, Haddington (Southwark): to be Curate, St Peter's, Eaton Square (London).
The Rev Dr Mark E Burkill, Curate, Harold Wood, St Peter: to be Vicar, Leyton, Christ Church (Chelmsford).
The Rev June Fordham, Assistant Curate, Dagnall and Pasmagrave: to be Team Member, Dagnall and Pasmagrave Team Ministry (St Albans).
The Rev Dr Peter R Forster, Senior Tutor at St John's College, Durham (Durham): to be Vicar, Beverley Minster, and Canon-in-Charge, Routh (York).
The Rev Deirdre French, Vicar, St Paul's Walden: to be also an Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral (St Albans).
The Rev Dr Barry Goodwin, Assistant Curate, Ware, Christ Church: to be Priest-in-charge, Stanstead Abbots (St Albans).
The Rev John W F Gosling, formerly Adviser on Continuing Ministerial Education (Salisbury): to be Senior Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Swindon (Bristol).
The Rev Anthony Hulbert, Vicar, Bedford, St Andrew, and Rural Dean of Bedford: to be also an Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral (St Albans).
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The Rev Michael A Lowe, Director of Pastoral Studies, Trinity College, Stoke Hill, Bristol (Bristol): to be Vicar, All Saints, Marple (Chester).
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Retirements

The Right Rev John Neale, Secretary of the Partnership for World Mission, and formerly Bishop of Ramsbury, diocese of Salisbury, to retire as from the end of September.
The Rev Arthur R Taylor, Rector of Sawley (Ely): to retire as from 30 April.
The Rev Reginald E Toner, Vicar, Hatfield Peverel with Ulting (Chelmsford): to retire as from 30 September.
The Rev Canon Peter J Vowles, Rector St Ann (Manchester): to retire as from 31 July.
The Rev Keith A Weston, Priest-in-charge, Norwich St Stephens Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Post Ordination Training; Chaplain, Norfolk County Fire Service, Canon Emeritus, Christ Church, Oxford (Norwich): to retire as from 29 September.

Other appointment

Mr John F Herring: to be Registrar of the Diocese of Norwich as from 1 August.

University news

Sussex

Appointments

Professor George Butterworth to chair in psychology.

Promotions to professorships

Dr Paul Benjamin (animal physiology); Dr Richard Coates (linguistics); Dr Ben du Boulay (artificial intelligence); Dr Alan Turner (mechanical engineering) Dr Mike Wallis (biochemistry).

Kent

Honorary degrees

DLitt: Patrick Leigh Fermor, author; Mr Arthur Percival, conservator.

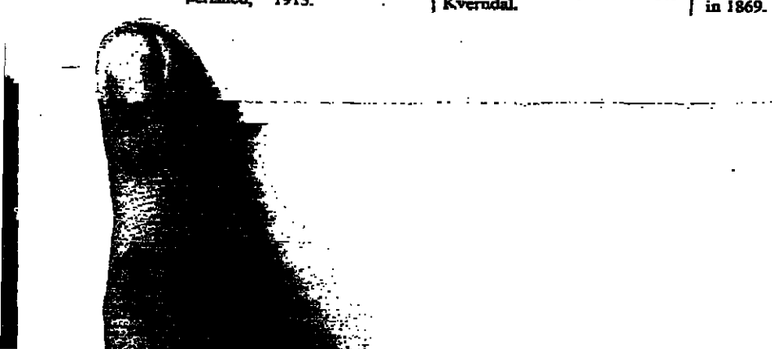
DCL: Lord Brabourne, film and television producer; Dr Barabara Burn, associate provost and director of international programmes at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, US.

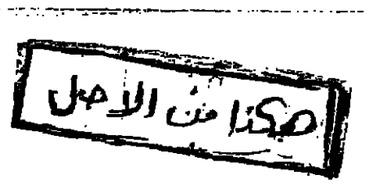
DSc: André Danthine, professor of systems and automatic control at the University of Liège; Dr Deryck Taylor, consultant physician in cardiology at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital; Clifford Pearce, honorary professor of biometry at the University of Kent.

LLD: Professor Dr Hans G Leser, director, Des Instituts für Rechtsvergleichung, Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany.

Loughborough

Professor Victor Brownlie Torrance, of Heriot-Watt University, has been appointed professor of building in the department of civil engineering, from July 1.







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James 5:20 GNB

BIRTHS

BOYER - On May 2nd, at St. Thomas Hospital, London, to Isabel (née Bandet) and Jack, a daughter, Camilla Teresa Rose.

CLARENCE-SMITH - On May 2nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Stephanie (née Rees) and Tom, a daughter, Louisa Francis, a sister for Charlie and Rosannah.

FINDLAY - On April 6th, to Venetia (née Pennethorne-Laing), wife of James, a son, Christopher Anthony Genghis.

KIRKLAND - On May 2nd, at Northallerton Hospital, to Helen (née Wise) and Lamont, a daughter, Annabella Margaret.

PHILLIPS - On May 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Davina and Charlie, a son.

WALKER - On April 18th 1991, to Angela (née Shakeshaft) and Nicholas, a daughter, Serena Annabel Fiona, a sister for Hamish and Ian.

MARRIAGES

CLEGHORN-ALDERMAN - The marriage took place on Friday May 3rd 1991 at Richmond, Surrey, between Robert James Cleghorn, eldest son of Mr A Dickson of Southampton and Jacqueline Mary, only daughter of Mr & Mrs F.W.P. Alderman, of Dorchester, Dorset.

DEATHS

CHAROL-PRAWDIN - On May 2nd, peacefully at The Dudley House Nursing Home, aged 83, Renée, wife of the late Michael Charol-Prawdin. Beloved sister of Henny and cousin of Irana. R.I.P. Funeral to be held at Golders Green Crematorium. May 23rd at 11.30 am. All enquiries to Fredk. W. Paine Ltd., 227 Twickenham Road, Isleworth. (081) 560-3978.

KEATING - On May 1st, 1991, Hazel (née Masson Gulland) suddenly at home, much loved by her husband Douglas and all her family. Funeral service at Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazel Head, East Chapel on Thursday May 9th 1991, at 12 noon.

KEOGH - On April 26th, in Perugia Italy, James, husband of Maria Gratia and father of Anthony and Simon. A memorial service will be held in Perugia on June 14th.

MIEVILLE - On May 2nd, peacefully, Youla Cecilia, aged 63, beloved mother of Claudia and Dominic, grandmother of China and Jemima.

MITCHELL - Ella in hospital on 3rd May 1991. Very dearly loved wife of John, close to her 79th birthday. She was ever cheerful and supportive during her long illness and will be greatly missed by her husband and friends. Funeral service will take place at East Farleigh Parish Church on Friday 10th May at 10.30am followed by cremation at Vinters Park Crematorium. All flowers please to Doves Funerals 1 Knightrider Street, Maidstone, Kent. Tel (0622) 688662

THOMPSON - On May 2nd 1991, peacefully in hospital, Ann Thompson, aged 68 years, beloved wife of the late Peter and much loved mother of Martin. Funeral Service on Thursday May 9th at 1 pm at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel). Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons, 212 Eversholt Street, NW1, by 12 noon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

JUDAH - A Memorial Service for Nigel Judah, former Finance Director of Reuters, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4, on Friday June 28th at 12 noon.

REAY - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Christopher John Reay will be held at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Wimbledon, June 6th at 3pm. A warm invitation to friends and colleagues, and afterwards at Reay & King.

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BARNETT Thomas: In ever loving remembrance of our dear Father who died in 1980 and his wife, our darling Mother Florence (Flo) who died suddenly in October 1990. Also remembering our brother Richard, who died tragically in 1967 aged 21 years. With love as always, Lorna, John, Katherine and all the family.

DENBY - Carl, May 7th, 1986. My love always. Betty.

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HILARY FLOYD LIMITED (COMPANY NUMBER: 1668463)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 50 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0HG on Friday, the 24th day of May 1991 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.
Mark Gordon of 50 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0HG, is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 2nd May 1991
By order of the Board of Directors
Hilary Floyd: Director

LEGAL NOTICES

BEACHMOUNT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 2113091. Trading name: Beachmount Developments Limited. Nature of business: Property Developers. Trade classification: General Constructors. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th April 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jons Wadsted and Paul Howard Finn (office holder nos: 6064 and 1618) both of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street London EC4A 1HY.

BEACHMOUNT LIMITED
Registered number: 1272966. Trading name: Beachmount Limited. Nature of business: Property Developers. Trade classification: General Construction. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jons Wadsted and Paul Howard Finn (office holder nos: 6064 and 1618) both of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street London EC4A 1HY.

DISCOGOLD LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Davrishon FIPA of Pondelon & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Square, London EC1M 5EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 10th April 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 1 May 1991
M.R. Davrishon FIPA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF SNOW GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, SHIRLEY ANGELA JACKSON of BEDBIE NORTON & PARTNERS, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on 25th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31 day of May, 1991, to send in their full names, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned S. A. JACKSON LIQUIDATOR BEDBIE NORTON & PARTNERS Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, LONDON WC1V 6HZ the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 23 day of April 1991
S. A. Jackson, F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF BRANDNIGHT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on Monday 22 April 1991, I David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company by the members (and creditors).
Date: 22 April 1991
David Julian Buchler

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CONSTRUCTIVE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Registered number: 1956680. Former company name: NONE. Trading name: NONE. Nature of business: BUILDING CONTRACTORS. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 30 APRIL 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: LLOYDS BANK PLC. Administrative Receiver: ANTONY ROBERT FANSHAWE (office holder no: 6599. Address: HAVELOCK CHAMBERS QUEENS TERRACE SOUTHAMPTON SO1 1BP

HOLDENBROOK LIMITED
I, Terence John Roper F.I.P.A. of Population & Ainsley, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on the 26th April 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated: 1 May 1991
T.J. Roper F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF BRANDNIGHT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1 June 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Julian Buchler, of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 22 day of April 1991
David Julian Buchler
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF R.D.E. SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
NOTICE is hereby given that Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 11th April 1991.
DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountant,
P.O. Box 853,
30 Eastbourne Terrace,
London, W2 6LF.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
In the Matter of J.A. GAGG & SONS LTD
and
In the Matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1926272.
Trading name: J. A. GAGG AND SONS LTD. Nature of business: VEGETABLE PRE-PACKING. Trade classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24th April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: RICHARD JAMES REES & GORDON CHRISTOPHER HORSFIELD. (office holder nos: 4620 and 5599. Address: SOUTHGATE HOUSE, 61 MILLSTONE LANE LEICESTER LE1 5QA.

PILOT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
COMPUTICATIONS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that meetings of creditors of the above named companies will be held at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST, on Wednesday the 15th day of May 1991 at 10 am for the purpose of dealing with Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the companies creditors may be inspected free of charge at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 13th May and 14th May 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meetings must lodge proofs of their debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST no later than Noon on 14 May 1991. Secured creditors (unless they surrender their security) must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meetings. They may then vote in respect of the balance after deducting the value of their security.
Dated this 29th day of April 1991
N.A.J. Thomas
Director

QUICKNET UK LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners Langston Priory Portsmouth Road Guildford Surrey GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 18th April 1991.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 30th day of April 1991
D B Coakley
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
POWERHOUSE ENTERPRISES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS OF the above named Company will be held at Grant Northern Hotel, Kings Cross, London N1 9AN on 16th May 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Stuart Andrew Edgar FCCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Stuart Edgar, 69 Wimbledon Square, London EC1R 1XX will free of charge, supply Creditors with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated 26th April 1991
C.D YOUNG
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BENZOLE OIL (UK) LIMITED
Pursuant to Section 466(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 5.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 take notice that we, M C Wilhall and I J Allan of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 25 April 1991 by Albarkin International Limited under the terms of a debenture dated 25 June 1987.
Dated 26.4.91
M C WITHALL
Joint Administrative Receiver
I J ALLAN
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Quadrex Securities Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stay Hayward, 15 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, and David L. Morgan, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Touche Ross, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London, EC3N 2NP were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 24 April 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to Mr D Morgan at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr D Morgan. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 30 April 1991
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
THE CHAMBERS PLC
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners Langton Priory Portsmouth Road Guildford Surrey GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 18th April 1991.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 1st day of May 1991
D B Coakley
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
NEW CAMELOT LIMITED
TRADING NAME: "TEAM TELCO"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS OF the above named Company will be held on 17th May 1991 at 4, Charter

NEW RELEASES

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. *Carmen Maura, Andrea Pajares.* Lumière (071-836 0691).

THE BALLAD OF THE SAD CAFE (15): Erratic rendering of Carson McCullers' bizarre tale of sexual conflict. Vanessa Redgrave, Keith Carradine; director, Simon Callow Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS (PG): Seven senior citizens are marooned in the countryside. Magical exploration of old age from Canadian director Cynthia Scott. Barbican (071-638 8891) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

EVERYBODY WINS (15): Tangled, uninvolving small-town corruption thriller, with Nick Nolte, Debra Winger. Script by Arthur Miller; director, Karel Reisz. Gate (071-727 4043) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ THE HARD WAY (15): New York detective and Hollywood star pursue serial killer. Empty action romp; James Woods, Michael J. Fox. Director, John Badham. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES (18): Nagisa Oshima's challenging erotic epic of 1976, beautifully photographed. *Metro (071-437 0757).*

♦ PREDATOR 2 (18): Tedious, hyper-active sequel. Odeons: Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615)

CURRENT

♦ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients. Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

LA BETE HUMAINE (PG): Zola *updated by Jean Renoir in 1938 — a* grand, moody classic, with Jean Gabin as the engine driver plagued by inner demons. Everyman (071-435 1525)

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano: director Jean-Paul Rappeneau. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant *sucked into the Sioux's way of life.* Winner of seven Oscars. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (a good impersonation from *Val Kilmer).* Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011).

FREEDOM IS PARADISE (12): Incisive Russian drama about a reform school inmate escaping to see his father in prison. Director, Sergei Bodrov. Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111)

♦ HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking the bold *imagination that would give the film a* strong reason for existing. Director, Franco Zeffirelli. Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang *Yimou, director of Red Sorghum.* Premiere (071-439 4470).

♦ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying *performances (Nick Nolte, Armand* Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet. Warner (071-439 0791).

SCENES FROM A MALL (15): Woody Allen and Bette Midler's marriage teeters on the brink in an L.A. shopping mall. Bland comedy. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Minema (071-235 4225) Odeons:Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ WHITE PALACE (18): Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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Lunghi in *Peter Hall's Pinter revival.* Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ A JAMAICAN AIRMAN FORESEES HIS DEATH: Scottish racism in the second world war: nicely acted though over-literary. Theatre Upstairs, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 145mins. 145mins. Final week.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing *the drunk-about-town columnist.* Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 130mins

☑ KING LEAR: Perceptive production by Nicholas Hytner with John Wood in superb voice. Barbican (as left). Tonight, 7pm. 225mins.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ RE: JOYCE!: Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). *Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm.* 140mins

■ RICHARD III: Oliver Award-winner Ian McKellen's chilling dictator in a Thirties setting. National (Lyttelton) (as left). Tonight, 7pm. 210mins.

☐ RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA: Leslie Grantham a wooden central figure *in the original play on which the film* was based. Final week. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. 125mins.

☑ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THE STICK WIFE: Dannah Cloud's tough, touching drama on Ku-Klux-Klan wives tormented by guilt. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's *pungent play revealing the opportunities* missed in women's fight for power. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

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LONDON JAZZ ORCHESTRA: The second of five Tuesday concerts by the recently formed orchestra which boasts Stan Sulzman, Chris Biscoe, Alec Dankworth, Kenny Wheeler, Ian Carr and Norma Winstone in the line-up. Vortex, Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (071-254 6516). *8.30pm.*

CLARE MARTIN BAND: A vivacious singer whose voice wraps itself around intelligent arrangements of *Cole Porter, Thomas Dolby and others.* Dover Street Wine Bar, 8/9 Dover Street, London W1 (071-629 9813). 8pm.

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable scores a direct hit with his production of *Romeo and Juliet.* He has boldly cut and occasionally re-organised Prokofiev's score, managing to eliminate digressive set pieces, and achieves the drama on a more intimate scale. Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844), 7.30pm.

KING PRIAM: Opera North's new production of Tippett's stark-bright Trojan opera directed and designed by Tom Cairns, and conducted by Paul Daniel (see review, right). Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

set in Dublin on the eve of the Easter Rising of 1916. Directed by Sam Mendes, it stars Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack. Young Vic, The Cut, London SE1 (071-928 6363), 7pm.

MICHELE ROBERTS, KATIE CAMPBELL AND MAUREEN DUFFY: Three respected poets read and discuss their work. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), 1pm.

THE MEDICI STRING QUARTET: The virtuoso group of musicians which consists of Paul Robertson and David Matthews (violins), Ivo-Jan van der Werff (viola) and Anthony Lewis (cello), performs works by Beethoven. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

GRIEG TRIO: An impressive young trio from Oslo, winner of this year's *Parkhouse Award, makes a return to* the Wigmore following its sold-out debut concert in February. The programme comprises works by Grieg, Mozart, Frank Martin and Brahms. *Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street,* London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

Tuned to Tippett's pulse

DONALD COOPER

OPERA

King Priam
Grand Theatre, Leeds

THE killing of Kent Opera deprived London of a rare chance to see Tippett's great *King Priam* when Nicholas Hytner's production of *1984* was to have appeared at Covent Garden a year ago. Paul Daniel, taking up his new appointment as artistic director of Opera North, seized the chance of making it his own hand-picked new production for his first year in Leeds. The result is likely to be one of the milestones of his career.

Neither in recording nor in any of its previous live performances has Tippett's score sounded quite like this. The hieratic trumpets glint with the fire of Achilles' armour; the scything figures of Hecuba's violins slice into the dark voices of Andromache's accompanying cellos; the strings flash out an electrocardiograph of rhythmic pattern at the confrontation of Achilles and Priam. The sharp juxtapositions and confrontations within Tippett's score are physically felt.

Apart from Andrew Shore's great king of Troy, this production is not particularly strongly cast. The commitment, though, of every singer to both Tippett's challenge and to Daniel's vision is absolute. At the centre, learning the agony of self-knowledge too late to escape war and the pity of war, is Shore's Priam. This is a performance of potent physical and vocal pacing, from the understatement of his first moment of choice to the vocal stature of the physically debased ruler standing, Lear-like, naked at the last.

Like externalisations of his own inner torments, Geoffrey Dolton's Hector and Linda McLeod's Andromache support him in passionate portrayals, each one finely tuned to the nerve system of Tippett's music. The Paris of Christopher Ventris (*foreshadowed by Thomas Jackson's* wonderfully sensuous boy Paris) and, particularly, Patricia Bardon's Helen find out the emotional chemistry of Tippett's pitch *polarities.*

Mark Curtis's rakish Hermes, George Mosley's highly musical Patroclus and Neill Archer's Achilles are *further testimony to the high art of* designer Tom Cairns's first production as director. This is a formidable debut. The recognisable Cairns designs are there: the abstract backdrops of a pulsing indigo sky slashed by scarlet door-slit or carmine diagonal, and the chrome-yellow light world of Hermes. But movement criss-crosses their wide spaces; stillness, in sudden freeze or grouping, focuses each spare tableau.

The surreal nature of each tableau's scattered talismans — a great classical vase, a trio of statuette deities, boulders of sculpted heads — is set against the physical reality of each character's intensely physical presence. A gauze separates their visions. At the start, the choric figures move in front of it, the protagonist behind. The positions are reversed at the moment when Priam finally confronts the chain of vengeance to which his destiny binds him.

At the opera's still centre, Achilles' guitar song of love and homeland, the gauze is raised to reveal the Greek camp in its wide glow of earth and flame: a "timeless music played in time" indeed. Sir Michael, joining in the prolonged curtain calls, looked well pleased.

HILARY FINCH



Potent physical and vocal pacing: Andrew Shore as King Priam

THEATRE

The Brother
Tricycle Theatre

THE notion that actors are only labourers, endlessly repeating a single task, survives in the custom of calling a one-man-show a "one-hander". The actor may own a pair, each with its full complement of digits, but he himself is like someone endlessly throwing shuttles on a loom: a hand.

So this show by Eamon Morrissey is a "one-hander". Sitting in the snug of an unnamed Dublin pub, he is not the brother of the title but the Brother's brother, of uncertain occupation: sometimes policemen, at other times cattle rustler and barrister. Who he is varies according to the whims of "your man", his off-stage creator, the *newspaper humorist Myles na Gopa*leen, temporarily asleep in his bed. Taking advantage of their few hours of freedom, the Brother is consulting books of law to find a way to prevent their livelihoods altering at the drop of a deadline. His brother chooses the less troublesome course of sitting in the snug and talking about it.

Though Myles na Gopaleen sounds like the gutteral choke to be heard beside *lamp posts after closing time, it* was a pseudonym of the late Flann O'Brien (itself a pseudonym), author of one of the most original comic novels of the 20th century, *At Swim-Two-Birds.* In one of its several plots an author's characters gang up against their creator, and Morrissey makes use of this same trick in stringing together items from Myles's daily column from the *Irish Times.*

He has the look of a more respectable Arthur Daley: a similar jutting chin and guarded smile but *eyes so deeply set that for much of the* time they are two pits of shadow, eerily adding to the mournfully expressed doubts about identity.

At their best the tales shimmer with a bizarre lunacy: phrases or customs made stale by usage but now regarded afresh with a mad precision of eye and tongue. The longer tales are like the shaggy-dog stories of post-war years, which they may have influenced: *detailed histories advancing in*exorably towards some fearful pun.

The general effect is gently pleasing but not really more than this, for perhaps Morrissey has been labouring at this show too long (on and off since 1974). He talks at us, not to us, the performance now a routine. The actor may not start off as a hand but he can become one.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE

Bebe Miller
Gardner Centre, Brighton

THE main dance events in this year's Brighton Festival are provided by American women: Bebe Miller, Elisa Monte and Molissa Fenley. As usual, none of them is coming to London, and only part of Fenley's programme *has been shown in the capital.* Gavin Henderson, the festival's director, continues to find unusual and engaging shows which draw a lively young local audience and probably deserve to have more people catching the train from Victoria. But the London dance audience has odd priorities; indifferent British companies fill studio theatres while more interesting imports have empty seats. (The contrast between the *Spring* Loaded and Holsten *Horizons* seasons at The Place is a case in point).

Anyway, there was a big buzz of excitement at the Gardner Centre on Sunday night during Miller's *The Hendrix Project.* Her own solo, starting with a burst of repeated small twisting jumps, and going on and on with a kind of dogged determination, brought a burst of applause which she acknowledged, prize-fighter fashion, with a big grin and one hand raised high. There was similar enthusiasm *for the final sequence of the piece,* two duets for a couple of male dancers (unfortunately the programme listings offered no way of identifying any of the company except Miller herself).

On one sitting, I find Miller's response to music puzzling. In *The Hendrix Project* the dancers sometimes respond to the score (music by Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan, recorded by the Jimi Hendrix Experience) with a disco-like preparation and experimentation; at others she seems to be trying to add another line to the melodic and rhythmic whole.

In the other work shown, *Allies*, the music by Fred Frith alternated with periods of silence: the movement seemed to cut abrasively across it, although responding more obviously to the end of each section than the beginning. There was a theme in *Allies* of physical dependence — dancers leaning, supporting, embracing or sometimes attacking with much changing of partners.

Miller's vocabulary is mainstream modernism used with lots of energy and some personal twists. It offers no deep or original experience but is lively and entertaining. One could travel further and fare a lot worse.

JOHN PERCIVAL

RADIO

Farm Hall/Words
Radio 4/Radio 3

AT THE climax of Buchan's *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, if not Hitchcock's, Richard Hannay finds himself in a house full of fake Englishmen all busy with traditional leisure pursuits. He knows they are German spies because they do it too well: their English is impossibly correct, their backhand lobs are impeccable. In Farm Hall (Radio 4, Sunday) we met an agreeable bunch of German scientists, all with excellent English, beguiling a summer in a house out-side Huntingdon with rose-growing, bridge, piano recitals . . . and intense seminars on nuclear physics conducted in total silence for fear of hidden microphones.

This last pursuit would be a challenge to any radio scriptwriter: Richard Weiss and Colin McLaren rose to the occasion by eliding those episodes and simply having their characters refer to them parenthetically, rather in the manner of Freemasons proceeding to dinner after a closed session of trouser-torturing. The chief interest of their play was its historical verity. The future Nobel laureates Max von Laue, Werner Heisenberg and Otto Hahn did indeed spend the summer of 1945 at Farm Hall, under close guard, and were thoroughly grilled about their lengthy experiments in nuclear fission. Since the transcripts of their interrogation have never been revealed, it is reasonable to venture that the purpose of their incarceration was not quite what it seems — their colleagues in the United States, after all, were simultaneously perfecting the atomic bomb *without their help — although* perhaps one should beware of tossing yet another red herring down the barking throats of the conspiracy buffs.

A cast that includes John Shrapnel and James Grout deserved rather more than exposition-heavy dialogue leading to moral quandaries. Their reaction to the news from Hiroshima was a fairly subdued meld of vexation and paranoid suspicion, when it might have been the occasion for tantrums, rabid anti-Semitism, the wanton destruction of rosebeds. In attempting a plausible reconstruction of as yet unknowable events, the authors failed the imperative of drama. Ten scientists in a country house? Agatha Christie would have killed them serially. Rudolf Hess could have called round to play in goal.

Or the infant Kate Adie could have been wheeled in for a pram-side interview. Her new series Words (Radio 3, Saturday) began with an examination of "Hello" and its functional associates. Foreigners will never understand that "How are you?" is designed to be meaningless; Anglophones, with their uninflected language, have similar problems with the exact value of the adjective in "Good morning". Say what you like about the Germans, they know an accusative when they hear one.

MARTIN CROPPER

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WORD-WATCHING

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YIPS
(a) A state of understandable nervousness which causes a player to miss an easy putt in a golf *competition, origin obscure, coined by Henry* Longhurst: "His left-below-right putting stroke, designed to prevent the yips, is most effective once it begins to flow."

HEBETATE
(c) To become stupid, from the Latin *hebes, hebetis* blunt, dull: "Allowing the clergy to cram, and surfeit, and pall, and hebetate, with forbidden wealth."

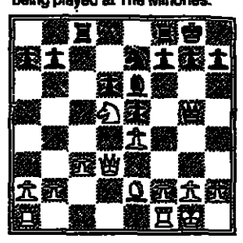
NOSTRUM
(b) A quack medicine or patent remedy, from the neuter singular of the Latin *noster* "our thing": "The doctors and quack-salvers experimenting on his poor little body with every conceivable nostrum."

ELUTRIATE
(a) To purify by washing or straining, a rather grand word for to wash, from the Latin *elutriare* to wash out: "Chalk reduced to a very fine powder and elutriated."

CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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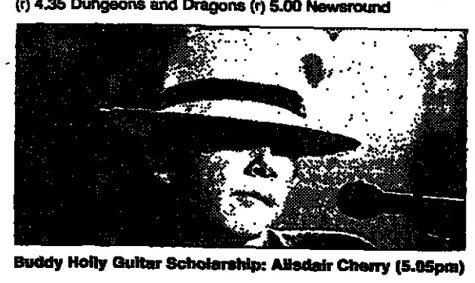
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 *Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford* and guests discuss topical issues. 9.50 Dish of the Day. Cookery hints and tips with Rosemary Moon
10.00 News and regional news followed by weather 10.05 Playdays 10.25 *Bump. Cartoon adventures with the clumsy elephant* (r) 10.35 She's the Sheriff. American comedy about a female law officer (r)
11.00 *News, regional news and weather* 11.05 People Today presented by Adrian Mills and Debi Jones. Includes *Health UK* in which Martyn Lewis investigates what can be done for migraine sufferers
12.00 *News, regional news followed by weather* 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club. Fitness and healthy eating tips. 12.20 Scene Today with Judi Spiers and Tim Grundy live from Pebble Mill. The guests include Stirling Moss 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Quiz game
2.15 Film: We Dive at Dawn (1943, b/w). Laboured war drama starring Eric Portman, John Mills and Reginald Purdell. During a mission to hunt and destroy a dangerous German battleship in the Baltic, a British submarine runs so short of fuel and supplies that a crew member with a flair for the German language is forced to disembark on an enemy-occupied Danish island. Directed by Anthony Asquith. *Northern Ireland: Open House* 3.00 Greenfingers 3.25 The Flintstones
3.50 Quick Draw McGraw (r) 4.00 Pigsty. Fun with the catering pigs (r) 4.10 The Further Adventures SuperTed (r) 4.20 Simon and the Witch. Penultimate episode of the 12-part children's drama serial (r) 4.35 Dungeons and Dragons (r) 5.00 Newsround



Buddy Holly Guitar Scholarship: Alisdair Cherry (5.05pm)

5.05 The Lowdown. Real-life stories about children told by the children themselves. Talented 14-year-old musician Alisdair Cherry is awarded the Buddy Holly Guitar Scholarship. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide. 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 *Bread. Carla Lane's Liverpudlian sitcom about the Boswell family.* Shifty (Bryan Murray) makes a point of reminding Martina (Pamela Power) about his job — proof he feels that a change has come over *him, while the awkward triangle between Adrian (Jonathon Morris),* Jack (Victor McGuire) and Leonora (Deborah Grant) becomes even more complicated (r). (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. *More cockney chaos in Albert Square. (Ceefax)*
8.00 Dad's Army. Home front comedy with the crinkly comrades-in-arms of Walmington-on-Sea. Captain Mainwaring (Arthur Lowe) is overjoyed when he is offered the use of a Rolls-Royce, but gets a mighty shock when he sees how it has been camouflaged (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Big Break. Green baize game show hosted by comedian Jim Davidson. Contestants answer general knowledge questions and their snooker professional partners must then score points by potting balls as fast as possible. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Kinsey: It's Going to be a Close Call. The maverick legal counsellor faces problems from every quarter. Kinsey (Leigh Lawson) has succeeded in his attempts to keep the practice, but there is more trouble on the horizon — the Law Society is ready to review his case. Meanwhile, Barry Haynes (Timothy Davies) is rushed to a Portuguese hospital and put on a life-support machine after a dramatic exit from his apartment balcony. (Ceefax)
10.25 Film 91 with Barry Norman. Barry casts his critical eye over *Misery*, which won Kathy Bates, as the literary fan whose adoration for an author is taken to the extreme, a surprise Oscar for Best Actress. Plus a look at *Perfectly Normal*, starring Robbie Coltrane, and the latest news from two films currently in production. Northern Ireland: Country Times 10.50 Rugby — International Sevens 11.35 Open House
10.55 ABA Boxing Finals. Harry Carpenter introduces the action from amateur boxing's big night, the George Wimpey ABA Finals at the Royal Albert Hall
12.15am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Physics — Painting Potential. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. Yesterday's news from both Houses
8.30 Schools on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me 2.15 England: Country Life. Press photographs of the English countryside taken between 1929 and 1934 (r) 2.20 In the Garden. Dennis Cornish with jobs to do in May 2.35 Sign Extra. Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Call My Bluff refereed by Robert Robinson. With Frank Muir and Arthur Marshall this week are Angharad Rees, Nigel Havers, Lynsey De Paul and Julian Pettifer (r)
4.30 Plunder. *Trevor McDonald's* turn to rifle through the BBC archives.
5.00 Who Cares Now?: Only Communicate. Jill Pitkeathley from the Careers National Association joins Dr Jonathan Miller and a group of GPs to discuss the difficulties of communication between elderly people and those who care for them. (Ceefax)
5.30 Gardeners' World. A rooftop garden in London's East End (r)
6.00 Film: Stopover Tokyo (1957). Action and espionage with Robert Wagner and Joan Collins. American agent Mark Fannon undertakes a mission to capture a communist undercover operative who is threatening the life of the American High Commissioner in Tokyo. The thrills are augmented by tours of stunning Japanese scenery. Directed by Richard L. Breen
7.35 Animation Now: Darkness, Light, Darkness. Film by surrealist *animator Jan Svankmajer*
7.45 Assignment: New War on Campus. John Nicholson's programme investigates controversy on American college campus soil. Colleges run by one-time radical Sixties protesters are now under fire for their questionable codes of conduct. Originally designed to protect minorities, these codes are now bringing accusations of suppression and censorship
8.30 Chalkface: See Them Play. A drama series about teachers in a Midlands comprehensive, starring Niamh Cusack. (Ceefax)
9.00 Twin Peaks.
● CHOICE: Sporadic viewers of the series may be wondering what on earth is going on: Audrey in twin-set and pearls playing a receptionist, for a start. *Twin Peaks* has resorted so much to its *own interior worlds that the casual viewer finds it hard to feel* included. That said, the material still lends itself to good direction, and Diane Keaton's recent episode was as focused as this is slack (overuse of music, in particular). Tonight also pulls an old Raymond Chandler trick: if in doubt, have a guy come through the door waving a gun. Although there is little to compel the uninitiated to watch an episode through to the end, *Twin Peaks* is still way smarter than other current dramas. It is certainly the best cast series in years — in its use of unknowns, and overlooked and underrated "stars" like Michael Parks, Richard Beymer, Laurie Piper, Russ Tamblyn and, Buñuel's *Robinson Crusoe*, Dan O'Herlihy. (Ceefax)



Playing receptionist: Sherilyn Fenn as Audrey (9.00pm)

9.50 A Secret World of Sex: In Disgrace. Five women have never forgotten the degrading and inhumane treatment they suffered as *a result of premarital pregnancy before the second world war. With* no support from parents or the community, unmarried mothers were literally driven from their homes to workhouses, or to hostels run by the Salvation Army. There they underwent punitive treatment: often marched through the streets or pressurised to have their babies adopted. The programme tells the story of five women who suffered the prejudice and destitution of unmarried motherhood. (Ceefax)
10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain: W is for Wax. Lucinda Lambton enthuses over a Norfolk church (r). (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Silver — Source of Power for the State. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Game show hosted by Tom O'Connor 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on becoming suddenly rich
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddie tell stones and sing songs about the stars and moon (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian soap set in a rural community health clinic
2.20 *Take the High Road.* Scottish drama serial 2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Fast-moving charades show with guests testing their drawing skills. Hosted by Danny Baker
3.15 *ITN News headlines* 3.20 *Thames News headlines* 3.25 *Families.* Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.00 What-a-Mess (r) 4.15 The Return of Dogtanian 4.40 Press Gang. The first of a new series of the award-winning children's drama about the young staff of the *Junior Gazette.* (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with advice on coming to terms with a serious illness
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Agricultural soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. *(Oracle)*
7.30 Thames Reports: Banding Together. Roger Beam investigates the inequalities of the new "council tax"
8.00 The Bill: Jobs For the Boys. Burnside (Christopher Ellison) and Roach (Tony Scannell) investigate the theft of £250,000 from a supermarket safe and packs of steak from the cold store. (Oracle)
8.30 Fiddlers Three: We Don't Want to Lose You. Uninspired office sitcom starring Peter Davison, Paula Wilcox and Charles Kay *(Oracle)*



Fighting to gain custody of Jo's child: Clive Owen (9.00pm)

9.00 Chancer: Secrets. Drama series with Clive Owen as the scheming Derek Love, aka Steven Crane. (Oracle)
10.00 *News at Ten* with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 First Tuesday: The Secret of Castle Hill.
● CHOICE: *Castle Hill Special School in Shropshire was one of 290* private schools for those that don't fit into the state's mainstream educational system. Local authorities sent problem boys, aged between 12 and 16, to board there, paying a fee almost twice that of Eton. The DES made no check on the qualifications claimed by its principal, Ralph Morris; all of them were false. But everyone seems to have been taken in by him, his pupils apart. They discovered, behind the school's caring façade, a vicious regime of intimidation that left them too scared to speak out. Morris set boys to beat up each other, and conducted his own campaign of systematic sexual corruption and abuse (one boy accuses Morris of stealing his childhood). As this abuse went on over a period of eight years, one wonders at first why no one complained. By the end of this grim and explicit programme, the surprise is that any of it came to light at all. (Oracle)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H. Australian drama set behind the bars of a women's remand centre
12.30am This Week — 35 Years on the Front Line. Extracts from three films on Afghanistan, Rhodesia and the Sahara made by director/cameraman Nick Downie
1.00 Videoview presented by Mariella Frostrup
1.30 How Was It For You?: Violence. Discussion programme in which Henry Kelly asks guests Mike Morris, Rabbi Julia Neuberger and Matthew Parris whether we now live in a more violent society
2.00 Donahue. American chat with Phil Donahue discussing chastity
3.00 60 Minutes. American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 Entertainment UK. Up-to-the-minute guide to the best in film, theatre, dance and music from across the country
5.00 Coming of Age. American comedy series (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Time to Talk: Jonathon Porritt. The environmental activist and former director of Friends of the Earth talks to Leslie Judd about his work and the motivation behind his campaigning (r)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street (r)
2.00 Rainbow Serpent: Women. The role women play in supporting Aboriginal culture
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Chester. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.45, 3.15 3.45 and 4.15 races
4.15 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-paced quiz show hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 Beat That. In this edition a group of youngsters attempt to stage a fashion show in London
5.30 Listening Eye: We Want to be Involved. Will full-scale integration of deaf people into mainstream schools mean the loss of the unique qualities associated with the deaf community?
6.00 Duet. Sitcom about an unlikely couple living in Los Angeles
6.30 *Happy Days. Fifties-set American sitcom starring Henry Winkler*
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext)
7.50 Comment
8.00 Civil War: Battle. Third episode of the series looking at the war between King Charles I and his Parliament focuses on the set piece battles of the Civil War — Edgehill, Marston Moor and Naseby. (Teletext)
8.30 Nature Watch: Elephants. Julian Pettifer goes in search of the African elephant and finds a species on the verge of extinction (Teletext)



A life dogged by artificial boundaries: John Muafangejo (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: My Name is Loneliness — The Art of John Muafangejo.
● CHOICE: *The words "artificial boundary" appear in one of John* Ndevasiya Muafangejo's expressionistic linocuts. The artist's life was full of such boundaries, not least those of apartheid. At the age of 13 he crossed from Angola to what was to become Namibia, converted to Christianity (the church offered the only access to the modern world) and entered primary school at 14. Muafangejo's art was encouraged by the missionaries, and he began to specialise in linocuts printed on to newspaper in black ink. He was a pathfinder for other African artists, and one of the first to acquire an international reputation, here reinforced in an interview with Edward Lucie-Smith. Muafangejo's early death, at the age of 44 in 1987, came after a life dogged by loneliness and breakdown. Lucie-Smith talks of a man "striving to remake himself through art". *Laurie Flynn's film is distinguished by its fine soundtrack*
9.45 Short and Curlies: The Loss Adjuster, by Mole Hill and Julian Roberts. Roger Sloman plays a loss adjuster investigating a factory fire (r)
10.00 Film: Carry on Regardless (1960, b/w). The *Carry On* films are frequently dismissed as simple-minded entertainment for the masses, yet this hardly accounts for such a successful and long-running series. They drew on a rich tradition of music hall which poked gentle fun at British attitudes to class and the war between the sexes. This hilarious entry concerns the exploits of Sidney James's Helping Hands agency, where the employees possess an uncanny knack for turning even the simplest of jobs into catastrophes, culminating in their appointment as demonstrators at an Ideal Home Exhibition. *All the familiar faces are there* — Charles Hawtrey, Joan Sims, Hattie Jacques and the Kenneths, Williams and Connor — plus a wealth of instantly recognisable *British character actors including Joan Hickson.* Liz Fraser, Bill Owen, Fenella Fielding and Patrick Cargill. Directed by Gerald Thomas
11.45 Star Test: Betty Boo. The youthful singer is asked a series of personal and revealing questions by an inquisitive computer (r)
12.15am Jazz on a Summer's Night: Herbie Hancock. In the first half on this documentary Herbie Hancock plays alongside Bobby McFerrin, Michael Brecker, Buster Williams and Al Foster at the Munich Philharmonic concert hall; in the second Hancock plays a duet with himself thanks to an extraordinary computerised piano. Ends at 1.20

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Sixth Sense 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Help 12.35-1.30 Murphy's Law 2.00 Entertainment UK 3.00 *The Concert* 4.00 *Stand Up* 4.30 Surfing 5.00-5.30 Help

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 *Sons and Daughters* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Enterprize Challenge 11.40 *The New Avengers* 12.40 *Superstars of* Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.20 Boy George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 One World 11.40 Blood Ties 1.50 How Was It For You? 2.15 David Frost's Caribbean Trivial Pursuit 3.15 Special Squad 4.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 The Way It Was 11.40 The New Avengers 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.20 Boy George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Travellers' Check 11.40 *The New Avengers* 12.40 *Superstars of* Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.20 Boy George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 History on Canvas

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Simply the Best 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 *Elkan 7.30-9.00 Survival — The First 30* Years 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40 Murphy's Law 1.35 Married... with Children 2.05 60 Minutes 3.05 The Twilight Zone 3.35 Raw Power 4.35 *The Story of Steam* 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Scotland's Larder 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark on the Move 11.40 Matlock 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.20 Boy George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Farming News

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Country Ways 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35 Soccer in the 70s 1.05 Film: Grip of the Strangler 2.50 Vivid 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 60 Minutes 4.25-5.25 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Simply the Best 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 *The River Thames* 11.40 *The Sweeney* 12.40 Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 Boy George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 *Six Tonight 6.30-7.00* Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 How Does Your Garden Grow 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40 Wrestling 1.40 Film: Bad Man's River 3.25 Night Beat 4.20 Boy *George 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobs*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.40 Wolf 12.35 The Young Riders 1.30 Hodson Confidential 2.00 60 Minutes 2.55 Music Box 3.55 About Britain 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

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RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 House and Home 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by McGillaway's Way 4.30 Little 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Katts and Dog 7.25 Local Heroes 8.00 Perfect Scoundrels 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 From *Aran to Monte Carlo 10.40 St Elsewhere* 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Cursai 7.30 Empty Nest 8.00 News followed by Blue Revolution 9.00 Only Fools and Horses

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 *Punky Brewster* 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Film: Adam (1983) 10.00 *Love at First Sight* 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. *News on the hour*
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
10.00 The Amazing Howard Hughes — Part One (1977): Television biopic of the reclusive American multi-millionaire. Starring Tommy Lee Jones
12.00 Cold River (1982). Two teenagers must learn to fend for themselves in the Adirondack Wilderness when their father suffers a fatal heart attack. Starring Suzanne Weber and Pat Petersen
2.00pm Legend of the Northwest (1978): A dog's dislike of guns leads him into a variety of adventures. Starring Marshall Reed and Dana Dillaway
4.00 Jock of the Bushveldt: Children's adventure about a dog's travels through the South African bushveldt
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Go Towards the Light (1988). An eight-year-old haemophiliac boy contracts Aids. Starring Joshua Harris and Linda *Hamilton*
8.00 Batman (1989): Comic-book adventures of the caped crusader (Michael Keaton) up against his arch enemy, the villainous Joker (Jack Nicholson) Co-stars Kim Basinger
10.00 Lethal Weapon 2 (1989). Mel Gibson's suicidal cop is reteamed with family man Danny Glover to bring a vicious South African drug and diamond smuggler (Joss Ackland) to justice
11.45 Billy Jack (1971): A Vietnam veteran (Tom Laughlin) uses his karate skills to defend injustice and evil
1.35am Amityville 4: The Evil Escapes (1989): Having exhausted the potential of the original Amityville house, the evil force moves home. Starring Patty Duke and Jane Wyatt
3.15 The Hills Have Eyes, Part Two (1984): Wes Craven's cannibal family preys on a group of weekend bikers. Starring Michael Berryman and John Bloom
4.45 Project Terminal (1988): A peace-loving *android* is kidnapped by the military. Starring Hunt Block. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Brother Sun Sister Moon (1971): Franco Zeffirelli's biopic of the Christian *martyr, St Francis of Assisi. Starring Judy* Bowker and Graham Faulkner
8.15 The Tall Men (1955): Two Texans embark on a tough cattle drive. Starring *Clark Gable and Jane Russell*
10.15 Rio Grande (1950): Post-Civil war western drama about the relationship between a father and his estranged son *Starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara*
12.15pm Ninotchka (1939): Romantic comedy in which Greta Garbo's Soviet agent heads West and falls for the charms of *playboy Melvyn Douglas*
2.15 The Charge of the Model Ts (1979): A German spy attempts to infiltrate the US during the first world war using a specially equipped and armed car. Starring John David Carson and Louis Nye
4.15 Hansel and Gretel. A puppet version of the Brothers Grimm fairytale about two *children threatened by a wicked witch*
6.15 Codename Dancer (1987): A Los Angeles schoolteacher heads for Cuba to rescue the man who saved her life when she *was a secret agent. Starring Kate Capshaw* and Jeroen Krabbe
8.15 The Karate Kid Part II (1986): The teenage martial arts student (Ralph Macchio) travels to Okinawa, home of his mentor (Nonyuki "Pat" Morita), and falls in love with a local girl
10.15 '68 (1988): A Hungarian immigrant in America struggles to make a living while coping with his nonconformist sons. Starring Eric Larson and Robert Locke
11.55 Lady Mobster (1988): A woman takes on the role of public relations officer to the Mafia. Starring Susan Lucci and Michael Nader
1.30am Macbeth (1971): Roman Polanski's screen adaptation of Shakespeare's tragic play. Starring Jon Finch, Francesca Annis and Martin Shaw
3.55 The Last Married Couple in America (1980): George Segal and Natalie Wood question their relationship. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 10.30am Live Benson and Hedges One-Day Cricket 8.00pm The Dunn Darts Invitational 10.00 Benson and Hedges Cricket Highlights 12.00 The Dunn Darts Invitational

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am 1991 RAC British Rallycross 8.00 Cycling 8.30 Spanish Football Highlights 9.00 Fight Night at the Forum 10.00 Stock USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00 European Golf 2.00pm US Pro Ski Tour 3.30 Stop-Volleyball 4.30 Cycling 6.00 NHL Ice Hockey 8.00 British Rallycross 9.00 Powersports 10.00 Cycling 10.30 British Motor Sport 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Dante 3.10 Remington Steele 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Doc 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Turina (La Procession del Rocio); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La pastorella, RV 95); Grieg (Improvisations on Two Norwegian Folksongs)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Beethoven (An die ferne Geliebte, Op 98); Franck (Symphonic Variations); *Dvořák (12 Cyprssses, No 10);* Haydn (Sinfonia concertante in B flat, Op 84) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Poulenc (Trio for piano, oboe and bassoon: Concert champêtre, Three poèmes de Louise Lalanne; Nocturnes, Nos 1, 2, 3)
9.35 Sketches of Spain: Glinka (Summer Night in Madrid); *Turina (La Oración del Torero);* Chopin (Prelude in D flat, Raindrop); Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Albéniz (Jerez; Eritaña, Iberia); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnole)
11.25 Ulster Orchestra under Jacek Kaspszyk performs Penderecki (Adagietto, Paradise Lost); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor, Op 104: Robert Cohen); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Op 44) 1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Recital: New Chamber Ensemble of Wales performs Damase (Dix-sept variations, Op 22), Seiber (Permutazione a cinque); Ibert (Cinq pièces en trio); Janáček (Mladi)
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Mozart and . . . BBC Welsh SO under Gareth Jones performs Mozart (Overture, La Clemenza di Tito); Adrian Williams (Leaves from the Lost Book — first broadcast); Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor, K 550)
3.40 Armenian Piano Music: Sahan Arzuni plays Khachaturian (Children's Album, Book II; Vocalise, 1978; Sonata)
4.20 Début. The harpist Alice Giles plays Tal (Electronic Concerto for harp and tape); Hindemith (Sonata); Salzedo (*Variations*)
4.55 Ulster Orchestra under Y.P. Tortelier performs Thomas (Overture, Mignon); Fauré (Nocturne, Shylock); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 2 in A minor, Op 55)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear
● *CHOICE: Susan Sontag is* interviewed tonight by the medical historian Roy Porter, who could not have tossed chapter and verse back at her unless he had thoroughly digested all the essentials of her factual books (*Illness as a Metaphor and Aids and its Metaphors*) and, more recently, her fictional work (*The Way We Live Now*). So this is the quintessential well-balanced conversation: intelligent questioner, intelligent respondent. *This* equality is important because Sontag is passionately committed to the cause of stripping illness of trendy macro-biology and psychology, and Porter is concerned that, in so doing, she should not deprive sufferers, especially those with Aids, of hope, however *illusory*
7.30 At the Gates of the Underworld: Orpheus and Eurydice. The last of four operas about the Orpheus myth. Austrian RSO and Chorus under Pinchas Steinberg perform Ernst Krenek's opera, to a libretto by Oskar Kokoschka. 8.05 The expressionist Orpheus. *8.15 Act 2. 8.55 Kokoschka as* dramatist. 9.05 Act 3
9.45 Drama Now: Bobbity's Journey, by Robert Carver. "Bobbity" Reiver (Norman Rodway), an elderly and almost blind poet, is haunted by disturbing memories from his past. When a mysterious visitor arrives at his Mediterranean villa, he embarks on a reckless personal odyssey in search of absolution (r)
10.45 BBC Concert Orchestra under James Lockhart performs Geoffrey Bush (Overture, *Yorek*); Fauré (Two Symphonic Fragments, Shylock); Delius, arr Beecham (A Walk to the Paradise Garden, A Village Romeo and Juliet); Mendelssohn (Scherzo, A Midsummer's Night's Dream); Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music — orchestral version) (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Gesualdo, Victoria (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) *(except in Scotland)*

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl *6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30* News 8.56, 7.55 Weather 8.43 The Longstop: A short story by Beryl Bainbridge. Read by Rosemary Martin (r) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs a live investigation into questions of morality raised by the week's *news stories (s)*
9.45 Ottoman Adventure: Ararat and the Armenians. Joseph Hone continues his travels in *Turkey (r)*
10.00 News; All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare
10.30 Morning Story: Accrington Stanley and the Blackburn Bombshell, by Helen Slavin
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Dragons of a Feather: Roger Worsley meets avian Rory *Bremner, and explores the* world of the starling and the jackdaw
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Art of Travel: Dervla Murphy and Cameroon (3 of 4)(r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Women's Hour: Kathleen Griffin examines the changes for *French woman in* politics and society over the past ten years
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Running Dogs. In Donald Johnson's satire, the Russians have acquired not only a taste for McDonald's *but a hunger for everything* the West personifies
3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes (LW only) with Michael Roll and Howard Shelley on life as a concert pianist
4.00 News
4.05 Local Network (new series): Going Like the Clappers. David Clayton and Neil Walker investigate the fate of the nation's church bells (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Debra Crane is at the premiere of the Royal Ballet's production of David Blintley's *Cyrano* (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: Recipe for Disaster. A comedy series by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (5 of 8) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Lost for Love? Don Cupitt examines the driving force behind the erotic paintings of the British artist Stanley Spencer (s)
8.00 Science Now
8.30 Famous for 15 Minutes: Last in *the series. Jenni Mills talks to* Twinkle who, in 1965, released her one and only hit single, "Terry"
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped. Tony Barringer looks at the experiences of married couples when one partner becomes blind
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The *Financial* World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Swamp *Angel*
● CHOICE: Atmospherically, the second episode of Ethel Wilson's novel is as highly charged as the first, which is surprising considering that the wife has now escaped from *the house that was laughingly* called home, and from the man who, for want of a better word, was called husband. Wilson has a genius for creating tensions without giving advance warning. It happens tonight when the one-time circus performer spins her pistol in front of the abandoned spouse who has just burst in demanding to know where his wife is. Shelley Thompson is an exemplary reader
11.00 Words and Music: Fritz Spiegl with a personal selection of music, verse and prose (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) *6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates* 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Paul Simon Songbook: Two Teenagers (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell *12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only) (r)*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Brian Hayes 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Anthony Newley 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Classic Buskers (4 of 8) 7.30 Steve Race 8.00 Postman of the Year Final: Derek Jameson interviews the ten finalists and their nominators before a panel of judges 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Sound Advice: 0345 909 693, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Where Were You in . . 1961 1.00 News; Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News; Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r)

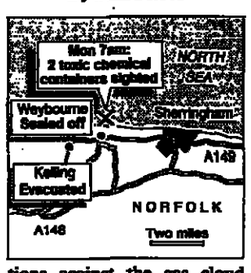
Village is cleared as toxic gas tanks are washed up on beach

By BILL FROST

POLICE evacuated a village on the north Norfolk coast yesterday after wheeled chemical tanks containing toxic material were washed ashore. Forty people were taken to hospital complaining of nausea and breathing difficulties.

Kelling, near Sheringham, was cleared shortly before 10am, and tourists visiting the nearby Muckleburgh military museum were advised to leave the area. Caravanners at a cliff-top site were told of the danger of toxic fumes.

The evacuations came after two 24-ton tanks containing ethyl acrylate were washed up on the beach at Weybourne and a cloud of poisonous fumes was released and blown northwards. Subsequently, police said that further precautions against the gas cloud might be necessary along the coast. Householders in Salthouse and Weybourne were told to prepare to move out.



The tanks were discovered at first light by William Sinclair, who was walking his dogs. He said: "There was an awful smell on the air and you could tell the contents of the containers was toxic. The two tankers were lying about 200 yards apart on the sea shore. I immediately rang the coastguards and suggested that they close the beach to prevent holidaymakers being overcome by fumes. It was a dreadful thing to happen."

Winds blew the gas from Weybourne towards Kelling and Salthouse as emergency crews in chemical protection gear prepared to remove the tanks, which went overboard last Friday from a Swedish-registered cargo vessel, Nordic Pride, during heavy weather in the North Sea.

An RAF helicopter was scrambled yesterday afternoon to patrol a three-mile area around Weybourne and warn off anyone approaching.

Ethyl acrylate is classed as a dangerous fire risk. Mixed with air, the gas given off can cause explosions. Absorbed through the skin, the chemical can cause respiratory problems.

Those admitted to hospital were reported to be recovering well. A fire brigade spokesman said: "They obviously got a whiff of this stuff and were then taken in as a precaution." Residents of Weybourne, said that they had smelt and tasted "something strange on the air".

Emergency services crews were last night planning to pump the chemical solution out of the beached tanks into other containers. However, the tanks were proving difficult to manipulate. A police spokesman said: "They are hefty beasts and will take some moving, particularly now this gas is being given off."

The beached tanks were two of four lost from the Nordic Pride. Coastguards hope that the two still missing have gone to the seabed. A watch is being kept in case they surface and the owners of the cargo vessel are being asked to identify the contents of the missing tanks.

Baghdad welcomes a new beginning

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being inflicted on its liver. By any token the resurrection has been remarkably swift. With imports of replacements banned under the UN embargo, workers have somehow fudged, cannibalised and jerry-rigged the parts required to restore electricity to about 70 per cent of the city, basic water supplies and, in some districts, telephones. Signalling an end to the shortage of newsprint, the English-language *Baghdad Observer* reappeared last Tuesday, the number "0" emblazoned on its masthead.

"The rate at which things have improved since February is extraordinary," said Gianni Murzi, the United Nations Children's Fund representative who, like other officials, is reassessing the pessimistic appraisals of last month.

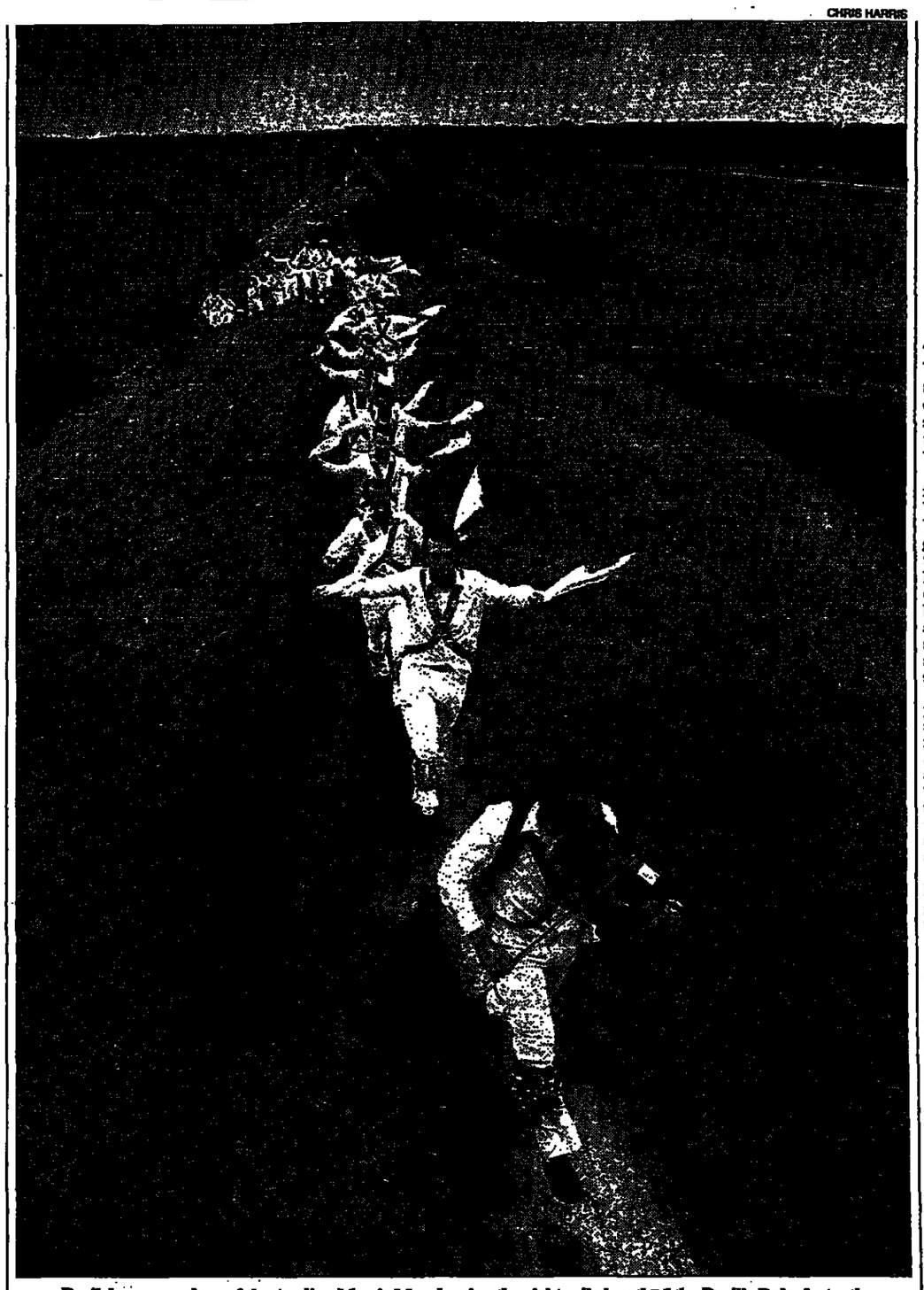
The most obvious evidence of Baghdad's recovery are what may be the world's worst traffic jams in the wake of the lifting of petrol rationing last Sunday to mark the birthday of President Saddam Hussein. Streets that the previous week were nearly empty are now filled with a snarling, hooting mass of metal. Adding to the chaos is the fact that the vital Republican and July 14 bridges were severed by allied bombs, upsetting the equilibrium of the inner city's one-way network.

For a while after the war things lay where they fell. But now the cranes are coming out and workers are dismantling the shattered buildings as they prepare to rebuild what had been so swiftly obliterated.

Telephones are a case in point. Baghdad's five main telecommunications centres were vapourised in the war, but the government is proud of the fact that, in some small areas, residents have had services restored. Experts say, however, that the restoration is based merely on reactivating mechanical exchanges that were not hit by bombs, which mainly fell on central electronic facilities. Preliminary assessments to restore the nation's communications completely put the cost at £600 million, half to be spent in Baghdad.



CHRIS HARRIS



Devil dance: members of the Anglian Morris Men dancing the eight-mile length of the Devil's Dyke footpath in Cambridgeshire yesterday to raise £2,000 for charity

Menuhin attacks Shamir over Arabs

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE acclaimed violinist Sir Yehudi Menuhin has strongly attacked the right wing policies of the Israeli leadership at a prize giving ceremony attended by the prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir.

Speaking on Sunday night in an acceptance speech for his Wolf Foundation prize, Sir Yehudi said: "This wasteful governing by fear, by contempt for the basic dignities of life, this steady asphyxiation of a dependent people, should be the very last means to be adopted by those who themselves know too well the awful significance, the unforgettable suffering of such an existence.

"It is unworthy of my great people, the Jews, who have striven to abide by a code of moral rectitude for some 5,000 years, who can create and achieve a society for themselves such as we see around us but can yet deny the sharing of its great qualities and benefits to those dwelling amongst them."

Mr Shamir sat expressionless during the attack on his government's policy towards the Palestinians, moments after he had shaken hands with Sir Yehudi in presenting him with one of the eight prizes.

Sir Yehudi went on to call for a peace settlement to the Palestinian problem based on "absolute reciprocity, absolute equality, mutual recognition of the dignity of life, respect for each other's traditions and their background. These are the *sine qua non* of peace."

Asked by a reporter why he had deliberately made a political point during his address at the awards ceremony, the musician said: "Where else should I have made the speech? That is the reason I came — to make this speech."

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Prague turns out to welcome royal couple

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the crowd, the Princess, in a duck egg blue silk outfit, had her hand kissed by several elderly men in the fashion of Central European chivalry, and received both applause and bouquets. The ambivalance towards Britain for allowing Hitler to occupy the Sudetenland appeared to be fading. Royal visitors are harbingers of aid and trade in the harsh economic realities of the post-communist era.

When the royal couple arrived at Prague airport yesterday afternoon they were greeted by a ceremonial guard dressed in smart blue and red uniforms designed by Theodor Pistek, the Oscar-winning costume designer of the film *Amadeus*.

The royal couple drove into Prague in the Prince's blue Bentley Turbo, driven by a chauffeur the 800 miles from London for the occasion, somewhat at odds with the Prince's remarks in Madrid last week on the evils of the motorcar.

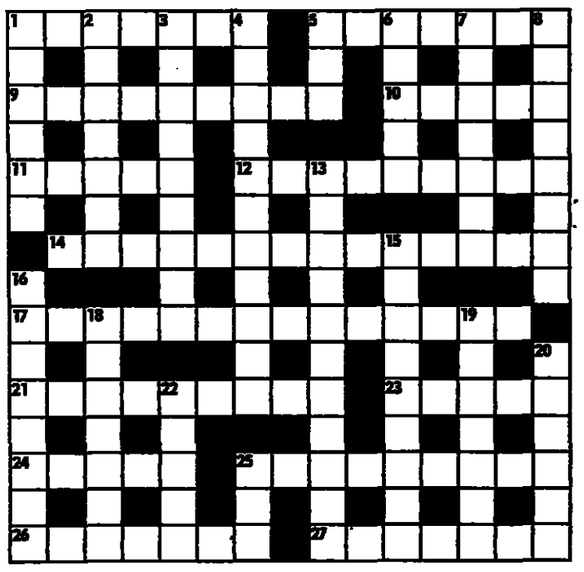
At Prague Castle, one of the great Baroque buildings of Europe, the royal couple met President Havel in the white-and-gold splendour of the Brozik room, named after a Czech painter and decorated with one of his vast historical canvasses. President Havel was accompanied by his chief of staff, Prince Schwarzenberg, a human rights worker but also a scion of one of the great old aristocratic land-owning families.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Money for the box: The countdown is on for the great television franchise auction. More than 30 contestants are putting the finishing touches to their bids for control of the 16 ITV companies throughout Britain. Their tender documents are bulky, the security surrounding them is tight, and the auction has already generated a great deal of hype and conjecture. Will it be a success — or will too many punters get their fingers burnt? Melinda Wittstock reports

The show goes on: Nerves will be tauter than ever when the Chichester Festival opens. Jim Hiley explains why

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,599



ACROSS

1 A story about Eugene in America (7).
5 Myth about Queen Victoria, for instance, is easily demolished (7).
9 One sister had an escort but was drowned (9).
10 Falsify form (5).
11 No artist falls back a second time (5).
12 Scarlet could be right beast to Robin! (9).
14 It enables one to get money from a reputable landlord (6,2,6).
17 Say one's piece when person feels sex has changed (7,7).
21 A don pushed into the river — he had it coming to him (9).
23 Lover finds me wearing a jumper (5).
24 See outrageous sin in these joints (5).
25 American company head may live in quiet new square (9).
26 I'm green adopting this diet (7).
27 Latches broken in bookcase? (7).

DOWN

1 The French island state is secular (6).
2 Rake around, boy, for food (7).
3 Shop girl in motorway eating area (9).
4 Record awards announced for businesses (11).
5 Starts to flaunt abbreviated dress in short-lived fashion (3).
6 Conclude part of town is in ferment (5).
7 It's wrong about Sandhurst — one has a female servant (7).
8 Oriental depression — consumed by sloth (8).
13 Notes a receiver collected without being exposed (11).
15 Check school during break (9).
16 A shopkeeper the farmhouse victims needed? (8).
18 Upholstery in the station lacking style (7).
19 Beat girl in the London walk (7).
20 A man of the world (6).
22 The records are on order, of course (5).
25 Criticize god (3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,598

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

YIPS
a. Jitters at putting
b. Stinging midges
c. American cheer-leaders

HEBETATE
a. A drink waiter
b. Vegetarian
c. To become stupid

NOSTRUM
a. Our side
b. Quack medicine
c. A folk saying

ELUTRIATE
a. To wash
b. Learned
c. Trifarm

Answers on page 18

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright at times, but may have scattered showers. Eastern England will be cloudy with some bright spells, but perhaps showers. South-east England, especially Kent, may have rain. Wales and the rest of England will be cloudy with rain or showers. Outlook: warmer, but showers in the south at first, and rain spreading across the north tomorrow night and Thursday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; h=hail; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	f	Madrid	12	54	s
Alicante	23	79	s	Majorca	12	54	r
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	15	59	f	Malta	20	68	s
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Melb'rne	19	66	f
Athens	24	75	s	Miami*	30	86	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	9	48	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	14	57	s
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	12	54	r
Belgrade	21	70	f	Munich	6	43	r
Berlin	4	39	r	Nairobi	25	77	c
Bermuda*	23	73	s	Naples	18	64	f
Biarritz	10	50	c	N Delhi	37	99	s
Borde'x	10	50	c	N York*	20	68	s
Brussels	8	46	c	Nice	13	55	s
Budapst	18	64	s	Oslo	11	52	r
B Aires*	16	61	s	Paris	8	46	r
Cairo	33	91	s	Peking	18	64	c
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Perth	18	64	s
C'blanca	18	64	s	Prague	13	55	f
Chicago*	11	52	r	Reykjavik	6	43	s
Chr'church	11	52	r	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	11	52	r	Rio de J	24	75	c
C'phgn	12	54	s	Riyadh	25	77	s
Corfu	20	68	s	Rome	16	61	f
Dublin	11	52	r	Salzburg	6	43	r
Dubrovnik	17	63	f	S Fr'sco*	16	61	f
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	24	75	s
Florence	13	55	r	S Paulo*	28	79	f
Frankfurt	12	54	r	Seoul	13	55	r
Funchal	16	61	c	Singapor	28	79	s
Geneva	10	50	c	St'kholm	9	48	s
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	12	54	f
Helsinki	11	52	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Hong K	27	81	f	Tangier	18	64	s
Innsbruck	6	43	r	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Istanbul	21	70	s	Tenerife	18	64	c
Jeddah	38	97	s	Tokyo	21	70	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Toronto*	13	55	s
Karachi	32	90	f	Tunis	23	73	s
L Palmas	18	64	c	Valencia	17	63	s
Le Touqt	8	46	c	Vanc'ver*	10	50	r
Lisbon	16	61	s	Venice	14	57	f
Locarno	13	55	c	Vienna	15	59	f
L Angels*	29	84	s	Warsaw	15	59	c
Luxemb'g	8	46	c	Wash'ton*	23	73	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.6	.01	10	50	bright
Anglesey	5.9	-	11	52	bright
Ayr/Prestwick	5.8	-	11	52	sunny
Belfast	12.0	-	14	57	sunny
Birmingham	2.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Blackpool	6.3	.01	11	52	sunny
Bognor Regis	1.8	.06	11	52	rain
Bournemouth	4.2	-	12	54	bright
Bristol	3.3	-	12	54	bright
Cardiff	9.8	-	13	55	sunny
Douglas	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Edinburgh	13.4	-	13	55	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.9	-	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	2.6	.58	10	50	rain
Hastings	2.8	.29	10	50	rain
Hunstanton	0.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Leeds	4.3	-	11	52	bright
Lerwick	10.2	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	-	.34	8	46	rain
Manchester	4.8	-	12	54	bright
Minehead	6.3	-	13	55	sunny
Morecambe	6.3	-	13	55	sunny
Newcastle	X	.01	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	2.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Poole	4.9	-	12	54	cloudy
Prestwick	12.0	-	12	54	sunny
Sandown	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Scarborough	0.5	-	7	45	dull
Shanklin	4.0	.02	11	52	rain
Southend	0.8	.22	10	50	rain
Southsea	3.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	1.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	5.8	-	12	54	bright
Torquay	8.3	-	14	57	sunny
Wick	8.9	-	9	48	sunny
Worthing	1.9	.13	11	52	rain

These are Sunday's figures

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F) Humidity: 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

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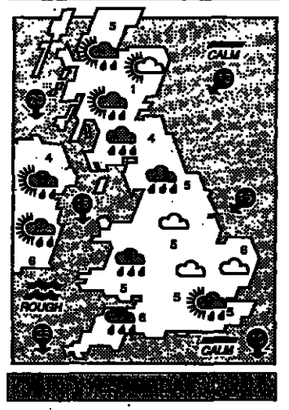
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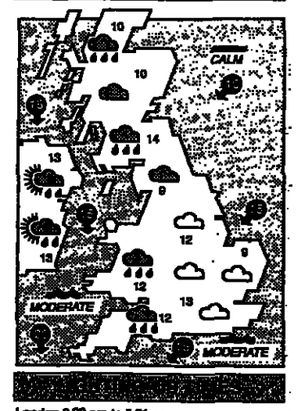
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Austria Sch	21.75	20.35
Belgium Fr	63.6	59.6
Canada $	2.075	1.925
Denmark Kr	11.81	11.11
Finland Mrk	7.25	6.8
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.085	2.895
Greece Dr	331	311
Hong Kong $	14	13
Ireland Pt	1.153	1.083
Italy Lira	2280	2140
Japan Yen	262.5	234.5
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.02	11.32
Portugal Esc	284.5	246.5
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	190	177
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.34
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.44
Turkey Lira	7250	6450
USA $	1.79	1.67
Yugoslavia Dnr	47	31

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.8 hr.





Temperatures at midday yesterday: c,=cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	r	Guernsey	8	46	f
B'mingham	10	50	t	Inverness	9	48	r
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	18	55	s	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'chester	12	54	f
Edinburgh	12	54	r	Newcastle	8	46	f
Glasgow	10	50	r	R'nldsway	9	48	d

Sunday: Highest day temp: Glasgow Airport, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Whitlesham, Suffolk, 0.53 in; highest sunshine: Edinburgh, 13.4 hr.

London 8.33 pm to 5.21 am
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Manchester 8.49 pm to 5.22 am
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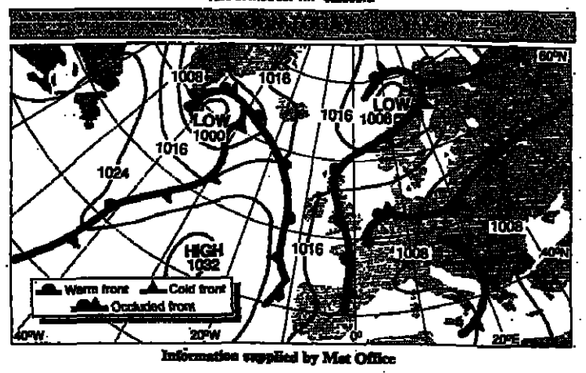
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Moon rises 2.29 am
Moon sets 12.31 pm
Last quarter 1.48 am

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.3	5.9	8.3	5.8
Aberdeen	7.36	3.3	8.52	3.2
Avonmouth	12.40	9.7	1.15	9.4
Belfast	5.28	3.0	6.15	2.7
Cardiff	12.25	9.1	1.0	8.9
Devonport			12.5	4.2
Dover	5.27	5.0	5.57	5.1
Fejmouth	11.35	4.0		
Glasgow	6.32	4.0	7.6	3.7
Harwich	5.49	3.1	6.39	3.1
Holyhead	4.38	4.4	5.37	4.1
Hull	12.23	5.5	12.32	5.7
Ilfracombe			12.19	6.5
King's Lynn	12.39	4.6	12.43	4.8
Leith	9.2	4.3	9.55	4.2

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	5.24	7.3	6.6	6.9
Lowestoft	4.28	1.9	3.48	2.0
Margate	6.18	3.9	6.33	3.9
Milford Haven	12.9	8.2	12.42	4.9
Newquay	11.41	5.0		
Oban	12.22	2.9	12.44	2.7
Penzance	11.21	4.2	11.53	4.5
Portland			12.38	1.2
Portsmouth	5.36	3.7	6.28	3.8
Shoreham	5.12	4.5	6.4	4.7
Southampton	5.11	3.6	6.13	3.6
Swansea	12.16	7.2	12.43	6.9
Tees	10.19	4.3	11.14	4.2
Wilton-on-Nse	5.54	3.3	6.4	3.3

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Singapore government to buy Mount Charlotte stake

By MARTIN WALLER

BRIERLEY Investments Limited (BIL), the New Zealand group founded by Sir Ron Brierley, is selling a 30 per cent stake in Mount Charlotte Investments, the British hotel group it acquired almost by default last year, to the twin investment arms of the Singapore government.

The sale is part of a complex set of deals announced by BIL at an extraordinary shareholders' meeting yesterday in Wellington, New Zealand, aimed at cutting the group's heavy borrowings.

The effect of the sale of the Mount Charlotte shares and the decision by the Singapore government, already a business associate of BIL, to take a 4.7 per cent stake in the group will reduce borrowings by the equivalent of £270 million.

The sale also resolves a problem Brierley Investments created for itself when its £644 million cash bid for Mount Charlotte succeeded, against both sides' better wishes, last year.

The Brierley camp at that time conceded that the 73p a share on offer was inadequate. The group was forced to make the offer under takeover rules when it was offered the Kuwait Investment Office's 10 per cent holding in Mount Charlotte to add to its 29.9 per cent stake.

The offer was fiercely resisted by the British group but was accepted by sufficient British institutions to push the New Zealand holding over the 50 per cent mark. Bruce Hancox, chairman of BIL, told shareholders yesterday that the purchase of the Kuwait Investment Office's stake was a once in a lifetime opportunity and "one of the most significant investment prospects available to us in the last decade".

The ideal outcome would have been for the group to end up with 51 per cent, and the purchase brought with it further heavy debts.

Brierley Investments has agreed to sell the Singaporean government 267.6 million Mount Charlotte shares for £227.5 million, or 85p a share, giving a paper profit before interest costs of almost £32 million on those shares. The two Singaporean investment operations will also take new equity in BIL to give them 4.7 per cent for the equivalent of £44 million, with the intention of increasing this stake to 10 per cent in due course.

On completion, total debts at Brierley Investments will reduce from NZ$6.6 million (£2.3 billion), at end-December to $4 billion at end-June, while gearing will fall from 125 per cent to 70 per cent.

Mr Hancox said: "Given the nature of our investments, this is quite prudent and conservative."

Brierley Investments shares rose 10 cents to NZ$1.20 in afternoon trading on the Wellington stock exchange as analysts took the view that the debt reduction secured the company's financial position. The new shares will be issued at NZ$1.05.

Paul Collins, BIL's chief executive, said later that the group expects to go on the acquisition trail with its new Singaporean shareholders and is targeting Australia in the medium term.

"There are a certain number of new investments we'll want to look at over the next six to 12 months," Mr Collins said.

"We'd probably like, for example, in the short-medium term to have a higher exposure to the Australian marketplace." He said that Brierley Investments had monitored the Fairfax newspaper group receivership and the debt problems of Adelaide Steamship Co.

Concern for Bush depresses US prices

AMERICAN shares and the dollar eased yesterday amid concern for the health of President George Bush and a nervous reaction to the prospects that vice-president Dan Quayle may take charge, even temporarily.

Foreign exchange dealers and share traders said there had been no market panic and reported light trading, which depressed the Dow Jones industrial average 13.31 points to 2,925.54 early on and the dollar 9/10 of a cent weaker against the pound at $1.7025.

Market analysts had feared that both markets would plunge when trading opened yesterday morning, after news that Mr Bush had been taken to hospital at the weekend suffering from an irregular heartbeat.

One foreign exchange trader at Merrill Lynch, the broker, however, said: "There's been no panic selling of the dollar this morning. It's a sleeper."

Polly Peck news sent to creditors

The administrators of Polly Peck today post their initial report on the failed electronics and fresh fruit group to bankers, shareholders and trade creditors. The move comes more than five months after the group collapsed with debts of £1.4 billion.

For the 28,000 creditors of Polly Peck, the report will be the first hard news on the chances of recovering any of their money.

A spokesman for Cork Gully, the joint administrator, said the circular would contain "only broad proposals", to be presented for discussion on May 24 at a creditors' meeting at London's Alexandra Palace. The spokesman said the report "laid out the options without going into any great detail". One possibility thought to feature is the reflotation of the group's Turkish and Cypriot interests as a new company.

Income dives at BAT associate

BAT Industries' 75 per cent-owned Brazilian associate, Companhia Souza Cruz Indústria e Comércio, said its first-quarter consolidated net income fell 45.8 per cent to 3.9 billion cruzeiros (£8.7 million). Souza Cruz, which has about 82 per cent of Brazil's cigarette market, blamed price controls and losses at an affiliated paper company for the sharp drop.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6930 (–0.0230)†
German mark
2.9661 (+0.0077)†
Exchange index
91.2 (–0.2)†

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1973.9 (–7.1)†
FT-SE 100
2522.7 (–8.0)†
New York Dow Jones
2924.42 (–14.44)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
Closed

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 11⅜-11 17/32%†
3-month eligible bills: 11⅝-11 13/32%†
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.47-5.45%*
30-year bonds 96-96 1/32*

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NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ..... $19.60 bbl†

* Denotes latest trading price
† Denotes Friday's close

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Builders fear recession is growing worse

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIGNS of improvement in the economy and greater business confidence are rejected in the latest state of trade enquiry by the building industry, which is continuing its slide into deep recession with few signs of improvement.

Last week, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said economic recovery in Britain was just around the corner, and forecast that the economy would begin to improve in the second half of the year. Although his optimism has been supported by a range of business surveys, including those from the Confederation of British Industry last week and the Institute of Directors today, the spring state of trade survey by the Building Employers Confederation, also published today, is much more gloomy.

Three-quarters of the companies questioned by the BEC, whose 9,500 members carry out more than 75 per cent of all private building industry output, report a fall in their activity level during the first quarter when compared with the last three months of 1990.

The balance, those with more work against those with less, of output is -70 per cent, the ninth successive quarterly fall and the lowest figure on record for the BEC.

Such falling workloads mean spare capacity in the industry is continuing to rise, with almost one-fifth of Britain's construction companies now working at less than half capacity.

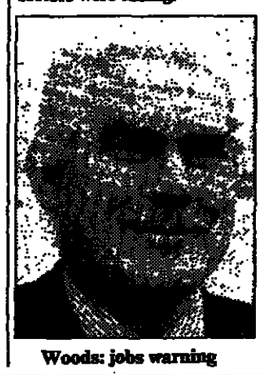
According to the survey, which covers 600 firms every quarter, the picture is very rapidly becoming worse. The survey found that 74 per cent expected their workload to fall further during the next 12 months. The majority of leading contractors said they have, at most, only nine months' work in hand. Smaller companies typically had less than three months' work on their books.

In the light of the findings, David Woods, the BEC's chairman, reiterated his warning that 100,000 jobs are likely to be lost from the construction industry this year. He said: "The construction industry is still in the grip of its worst recession since 1980-1981."

The only cause for optimism revealed by the survey was a modest upturn in enquiries to housebuilders in the South, the Midlands and Yorkshire. However, housebuilding enquiries in Scotland and the North registered a sharp decline.

Mr Woods said: "Any real recovery in the housing market still seems a long way off and will depend crucially on further cuts in interest rates and mortgage rates and on an improvement in buyers' confidence."

He added that orders from the commercial and industrial sectors were falling.



Woods: jobs warning

Institute finds rise in optimism

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS confidence has risen sharply in the past two months, but impressions of better prospects for the economy have yet to feed through into company performance, according to the latest survey of corporate opinion from the Institute of Directors.

The institute's survey shows a marked switch from the deep pessimism of its previous study of business opinion in February, and reflects the cuts in interest rates, falling inflation and the end of the Gulf war.

Some economic analysts do not value the survey findings, which were based on answers from less than 300 managing directors, company chairmen or chairwomen. Interviews for the survey were undertaken in the first two weeks in April.

The findings are not dissimilar to the greater confidence reported by the Confederation of British Industry quarterly Industrial Trends survey last week.

The institute said it had improved the basis of its survey, and while this did not make its findings for April and February strictly compatible, the changes in attitude indicated were sufficiently large to demonstrate a substantial shift in business optimism.

Peter Morgan, the institute's director general, said: "Falling inflation, the four-stage 2 per cent cut in interest rates and a Budget with valuable assistance for business, and the end of the Gulf War, have raised the level of optimism and confidence among business leaders."

He said the survey showed an "important shift from the gloom" of the institute's previous findings, and said a high level of business confidence would be a vital ingredient in recovery from recession.

The survey, conducted for the institute by Taylor Nelson, showed that half of the directors surveyed are more optimistic about the economy – 53 per cent now, compared with only 8 per cent in February.

Then, three-quarters of those interviewed were pessimistic about the economy, the lowest level of confidence since the survey began in 1983. The proportion less optimistic about the economy has now fallen from 72 to 20 per cent.

Confidence about their own companies, rather than the overall economy, is also higher, with 56 per cent saying they are more optimistic, and only 19 per cent less optimistic, down from 50 per cent two months ago.

The optimism recorded by the Institute of Directors has yet to find its way into company performance. Forty-nine per cent report profits down over the past six months compared with a year ago, although 61 per cent consider that their companies are still performing either very well (12 per cent) or fairly well (49 per cent). Most directors expect employment levels to remain unchanged.

DEB JENSON



Defence of the Devenish realm: Michael and Sally Cannon, outside their first London public house

Boddington under Cannon fire

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE battle of the breweries hotted up at the weekend with the release of a defence document from J A Devenish, the West Country group under £120 million siege from Boddington.

Michael Cannon, the chairman of Devenish, attacks Boddington's diversification policy, into such areas as nursing homes, hotels and food, for tying up about £100 million of capital and generating mostly "meagre returns".

Devenish claims merger talks between the two companies were scuppered a year ago by the inability of both parties to agree on a combined strategy, and on Boddington's diversification plans.

The bidder has said it plans to sell Devenish's loss-making Redruth brewery in Cornwall if the offer is successful. Mr Cannon tells investors that an announcement on the future of the brewery will be made over the next three weeks.

Boddington has already attacked its target's record, accusing it of wasting millions of pounds of shareholders' money.

Mr Cannon is advising Boddington's shareholders to attend the company's extraordinary meeting this Friday and question the board on its strategy and diversification programme.

Investors in East disappoint

By OUR CITY STAFF

INTEREST in Eastern Europe is high but actual investment so far is low, says the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The bank's maiden study spells out in daunting detail the size of the task in Eastern Europe. Investors have so far committed less than £1.5 billion to the region, although many big companies in Europe, North America and Japan are exploring opportunities there.

The bank says: "Despite this flurry of activity, the actual levels of investment remain low." Of a total of 7,000 foreign investment registrations, fewer than 30 per cent, or around 2,000, were actually operational or even at a nascent stage. Many planned investments are small, more than half those planned totalling less than $2 million apiece. Only a handful are worth more than $1 billion, says the bank.

The geographical spread is also uneven, with virtually all investment going to the USSR, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. Less than 5 per cent is earmarked for Romania and Bulgaria.

AT&T wins NCR in $7.4bn deal

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN Telephone & Telegraph has won its often acrimonious six-month takeover battle for NCR in a deal that values America's fifth largest computer maker at $7.4 billion.

The takeover is the country's biggest since Time and Warner, the entertainment groups, joined in a $14 billion merger almost two years ago.

AT&T, the largest long-distance telephone carrier in the world, which has direct links to the inventor Alexander Graham Bell, will pay for the deal with its own shares.

NCR shareholders will exchange each of their shares for a maximum of 3.223 and a minimum of 2.708 AT&T shares. The formula is designed to take account of fluctuations in the AT&T price and to guarantee NCR holders $110 per share. AT&T shares added 25 cents to $36.875 yesterday.

NCR shares were changing hands at $48 each before the takeover talks and trading was halted at $104 in New York yesterday. At one stage, Charles Exley, NCR's $1.1 million a year chairman, had wanted $125 a share before agreeing to peace talks, and threatened to resign if the bid succeeded.

But AT&T rallied enough support from shareholders to oust Mr Exley and three colleagues at NCR's annual meeting at the end of March.

The bid by the $30 billion AT&T company is a key component of its European strategy to expand its internal small and ailing computer business into a global network capable of linking people, organisations and their information.

NCR is the ninth-largest computer maker in Europe, which accounted for a third of the company's $5.9 billion sales last year and almost 30 per cent of its operating income. Analysts say that it would take much more than $7 billion to gain the kind of foothold that NCR provides.

NCR started selling cash registers in Liverpool in 1885 and now employs 1,300 people making automated bank teller machines at one of its largest European factories in Kingsway West, Dundee, in Scotland. It is building more engineering and manufacturing plants at Dunfermline and employs 3,500 people throughout Europe.

Robert Allen, AT&T chairman, said: "I'm very pleased agreement has now been reached. The company that will emerge will be uniquely equipped to meet what customers will need in the future – global computer networks as easy to use and as accessible as the telephone network is today. The joining of these two companies will create a powerful competitor in the market place for information systems."

But not all AT&T's adventures into computers have been successful. Its initial link with Italy's Olivetti in 1983 produced a line of personal computers for the American market that was criticised on price and performance. AT&T had considered leaving the computer business altogether in recent years, but decided the potential benefits of being able to provide integrated communication and computing systems were too great to abandon.

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Recession 'fails to keep pay deals in line with inflation'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN's economic recession has had a surprisingly small impact on pay rises, according to an analysis of pay settlement trends.

In its latest study of current pay deals, published today, Incomes Data Services, the pay research group, says that while the decline in retail price inflation from its peak of 10.9 per cent last October to 8.2 per cent in March has been the most significant factor in pay bargaining of late, "perhaps surprisingly, the depth of the recession has not had a bigger impact on settlements".

Incomes Data says that while the recession has produced a bigger spread of pay rises, the majority of these increases have been slow to follow the decline in inflation. Some deals, it adds, have been well above the retail price index rate.

The pay report says the most significant feature of recent bargaining trends has been the fall in the proportion of agreements worth 10 per cent or more, and the increase in settlements of between 7 and 8.9 per cent.

This finding is much in line with those of the Confederation of British Industry pay analysts. However, at the time the CBI started to make such points, Incomes Data was among those organisations most sceptical about what the CBI was claiming.

The research company says that despite the recession and the fall in inflation, about two-fifths of the entries in its pay chart have been for increases worth 9 per cent or more. It accepts, however, that this proportion has been declining lately from a high point of almost 80 per cent of the increases recorded in January.

Pay agreements for April are mostly between 7 and 10 per cent, says Incomes Data, which forecasts that pay deals could still be running ahead of inflation for some time.

Among recent rises are: 9.5 per cent for Boots retail staff, 5 per cent for House of Fraser employees, 12.5 per cent performance-related for most of the staff of the Cheltenham & Gloucester building society and 10.9 per cent for Kellogg's and Severn Trent workers under index-linked deals. Shell Chemicals workers receive 10.5 per cent from last month and the RPI plus 1.5 per cent next year.

Although the chart shows that staff at the Co-operative Bank are facing a pause in pay rises, Incomes Data says that such pauses and pay freezes "have remained exceptional", adding that the staging of pay awards, called for by the CBI, has not been on the scale recorded by the company during the recession of the early Eighties.

The research group gives warning that average earnings have not followed inflation downwards, opening up a gap of about 3 percentage points that may remain for some months.

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EC seeks details of state subsidies

By JONATHAN PRYNN

EUROPEAN Community member governments will in future be required to provide Brussels with detailed financial information on their public sector industrial companies to facilitate detection of unfair state aid.

The proposal came in a speech from Sir Leon Brittan, the Community's commissioner for competition policy, to the CEOE business federation in Madrid.

He said: "I believe a systematic monitoring of the financial situation of all public companies, starting with the manufacturing sector, is essential if we are to guarantee fair competition to the private sector."

The information, provided in the form of annual reports on all state industrial entities, would allow Brussels to take action if it felt flows of finance from governments represented donations rather than commercial investments.

Sir Leon said that the current system of dealing with individual cases as they come to the Commission's attention is inadequate.

He said: "It is haphazard and politically controversial and . . . as we approach 1992, it leads to unnecessary suspicion in private companies that their public competitors have access to subsidies from which they do not benefit."

Sir Leon added that he was not campaigning for privatisation but for equal openness on financial assistance to both the private and public sectors.

Haigh joins Wharfedale



HELEN Haigh, above, has been appointed finance director of Wharfedale, the audio products group. Ms Haigh, aged 36, is the youngest woman in such a main board position at a British quoted company. The firm recently returned to profit under new management and with £2.5 million financing. Ms Haigh joins from Crosslee and worked for American Hospital Supply before.

HOWARD BARLOW



Miles of aisles: Harry Moore, at the Co-operative Retail Services discount superstore in Manchester

Co-op launch fuels grocery discount war

By DEREK HARRIS

DISCOUNT battles in grocery, first heralded by competition moving in from continental Europe, are taking a new twist with the launch of what is likely to become a chain of superstores featuring low prices.

The launch, initially in the Manchester suburb of Gorton, has come from Co-operative Retail Services (CRS), the £1.3 billion-a-year chain whose operations extend from London and the Southeast to Wales and the Northwest.

CRS is the biggest single retailer under the Co-op banner, with one of the best efficiency records among the United Kingdom's nearly 80 retail co-ops.

The discount end of the grocery market, where Kwiksave dominates, has until recently been relatively unexciting as attention has centred on the superstore wars involving the biggest of the grocers, such as J Sainsbury, Tesco, Asda and Safeway, owned by the Argyll Group. What changed all that was the entry into the British market of Aldi, Germany's leading grocery discounter. Aldi's target is 200 British outlets by the middle of this decade. So far, it has less than 20 but is pressing on with site purchases while also planning more distribution capacity. Netto, the Danish grocery discounter, is also moving into the British market.

Aldi operates from comparatively small outlets carrying only 600 lines of goods and undercutting general grocery prices by up to 20 per cent. Kwiksave typically has been carrying about 2,500 lines.

When CRS raised the banner of its new "Co-op Pioneer" format at Gorton it was at a converted superstore and carried 5,000 lines.

Harry Moore, the group's chief executive, said: "We are matching discounter prices, but at this store, people can do their full weekly shop. We are taking the next logical step in discounting by moving it from a small shop with relatively limited offers – and then not just to a supermarket but into superstore-sized outlets."

In the first five weeks of the Pioneer operation at Gorton, where there is more than 20,000 sq ft of selling area, the new format has lifted trade by 2½ times in value and more in volume.

About five Pioneer stores should be in operation around the country by the end of the year and Mr Moore plans an initial chain of 12. City suburbs are the main targets. Further expansion will depend on evaluation of what is achieved in the initial chain, which will be the responsibility of a separate management team.

Mr Moore said: "We will be aiming at a good return on capital from these stores, but discounting is always highly specialised."

CRS was an early exponent of out-of-town home furnishing hypermarkets. Its Homeworlds chain now numbers five and the stores are still bucking the trend in this largely depressed market sector with year-on-year growth of a fifth.

BASF falls 25% in first quarter

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ADVERSE exchange rate movements and sharply falling demand from North and South America has reduced first-quarter pre-tax profits by 25 per cent to DM632 million at BASF, the German chemicals group.

The drop was sharper than that expected by analysts, who had been expecting profits of about DM700 million for the three months to the end of March. "Despite efforts to reduce our costs, we were not able to balance out the effects of the declining selling prices," the company said.

BASF added that although German sales had held up well, overseas demand had fallen 10 per cent. In the Americas, the fall was well into double figures.

The North American companies had been hit by recession and the fall in the dollar during the Gulf War. In South America, continuing economic problems had done the damage.

Sales to Eastern Europe slumped 30 per cent due to "acute foreign exchange shortages". The fastest growth was experienced in Japan and in Southeast Asia.

Group sales fell 3.5 per cent to DM11.48 billion, but only 2 per cent if adjusted for last year's divestments.

The first-quarter performance was described as "not satisfactory" by Jürgen Strube, the management board chairman.

"At the present time, overall economic conditions are substantially different and more difficult than a year ago. However, the picture is not as dark as it might seem," he said.

BASF shares opened DM3.9 lower on the Frankfurt stock exchange at DM250.8 in a falling market. "There was nothing there the analysts had not predicted," a broker said.

The company said that it did not expect any large changes in business conditions over the next few months.

It added that the outcome for the rest of the year depended on the timing of the end of America's recession, the direction of raw material prices and the dollar exchange rate.

Government is warned over saving incentives

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THE government should not stimulate saving as a long-term objective, even though the low personal savings ratio in Britain contributed to high inflation in the Eighties, a study published today suggests.

The Question of Saving, by Harold Rose, professor of finance at the London Business School, says that although higher savings promote growth, there are three arguments against promoting personal savings officially: it would assume the private sector was short-sighted; tax subsidies to saving could distort financial choice and may not even raise total saving; and subsidising investment can be an inefficient way to secure growth.

Professor Rose sees the dominant role of housing in personal wealth in Britain, and the way it boosted borrowing in the Eighties, making other elements of the credit boom pale by comparison.

He says it follows that incentives to saving through personal home ownership, still part of government policy, may be counter-productive.

SMALLER COMPANIES

How Wentworth's rights issue went wrong in a big way

WHEN the timing is right other matters tend to take care of themselves. You choose the wrong moment at your peril.

Take Wentworth International. Last year, months before rights issues were back in fashion, Wentworth came to the City, cap in hand, to finance the ambitious £10 million takeover of Paraphane, a packaging company specialising in the confectionery industry in Belgium, whose customers include Côte D'Or and Suchard.

With some difficulty, Wentworth assembled a package, scheduled for August, that included a 7-for-1 rights issue raising £13.9 million, underwritten by Banque Indosuez.

But before the ink was dry, Saddam Hussein marched into Kuwait and the stock market wobbled. On the same day, fire destroyed a factory at one of Wentworth's existing British subsidiaries. Wentworth decided to go ahead with the acquisition and rights issue of new shares at 16p each.

Demand for the paper was slim, and Indosuez was left with 43.9 per cent of the increased share capital.

Worse was to follow. Indosuez has recently acquired Gartmore, the fund manager, which also held 8.6 per cent of Wentworth. Despite protests from Indosuez, the Stock Exchange ruled that parent company and subsidiary acted in concert, taking Indosuez's effective shareholding beyond 50 per cent and triggering a mandatory offer. Thus, Indosuez, a French bank, found itself the reluctant holder of 61.3 per cent of a British packaging company.

The overhang has inevitably depressed the share price, now 17p.

The short-term impact on Wentworth has been negligible. The company gained control of the much larger Paraphane and integration is well advanced. The earnings outlook is healthy, forecasting taxable profits of about £1.3 million (£451,000) for the year to March, with the prospect of a more substantial increase in the current year.

Wentworth's plans to build on a successful acquisition have inevitably suffered. Indosuez would rather sell its shares to a trade buyer than place them slowly with institutions. In the absence of an obvious British buyer, it is conceivable Wentworth may even find itself becoming part of a privately owned European competitor.

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,765,000	ASD Barnet	2½	..	..	..	..
27.4m	ASD	2½	..	..	..	5.2
2,360,000	ATA Selection	15	-½	1.3b	8.7	93.8
7,727,000	Aberdeen Pet	15	..	..	..	30.9
3,120,000	Aberdeen Sth Hse	28	..	..	..	48.1
27.5m	Acal	238	..	6.6	2.3	11.9
9,235,000	Acorn Comp	14	+½	..	..	5.6
14.6m	Airsprung	158	+14	7.8	4.9	12.2
28.6m	Alan Paul	141	..	4.1	2.9	14.1
2,402,000	Albrighton	38	..	..	..	2.1
31.7m	Allen	142	+6	6.4	4.5	8.4
17.5m	Ald Leisure	108	●-1	5.7	5.7	7.2
1,481,000	Ambieby Gp	23	..	2.9	8.7	8.7
66.8m	Amer Biss Sys	186	+7	3.5	1.9	8.9
12.4m	Anglo Pac Res	16	-2	..	..	5.8
5,329,000	Apollo Watch Prods	10½	..	0.7	6.7	5.7
13.4m	App Holographics	138	-10	..	..	..
27.5m	Ashtead	158	●-5	5.5b	3.5	5.8
19.8m	Aspro Comms	158	●+5	10.5b	7.1	7.3
295.8m	Asprey	295	-10	8.8	3.0	15.2
969,000	Assoc Energy	9½	..	..	..	..
1,758,000	Assoc Fermiers	2041	..	..	..	..
6,269,000	Assoc Heating	115	-1	4.0	3.5	13.5
2,633,000	Atlantic Bec	10	..	..	..	23.6
51.0m	Atlas Equipment	755	●-5	25.0	3.4	16.9
1,747,000	Audit General	5	..	0.4	8.0	..
2,369,000	Autosnacks	84	●-4	1.9	4.8	11.3
1,927,000	BBS Design	5	..	2.8e	11.7	4.4
1,530,000	BCE	5½	..	..	..	..
5,797,000	BLP Group	23	..	0.4	1.7	7.4
3,960,000	BWD	58	..	2.3	4.8	17.2
3,097,000	Beaverco	95	..	4.0	5.5	4.3
14.7m	Beechcraft	72	..	4.0	5.5	..
1,330,000	Benford (William)	135	..	..	..	17.7
5,810,000	Bernard Crispe	127	-4	3.7	2.9	10.2
3,868,000	Berry Birch & Noble	69	..	..	..	17.2
48.4m	Bettor Comp Prods	220	●-5	8.7	3.9	12.5
3,286,000	Bilston&Bettorpes	78	●-2	4.0	5.1	15.3
4,628,000	Bio Isolates	25	..	..	..	47.2
18.0m	Blapton	10½	-½	0.1	1.0	22.3
2,875,000	Blekkday Motors	100	+20	20.5	10.5	7.5
4,665,000	Blueblrd Toys	39	-1	..	..	..
3,947,000	Border TV	38	+½	2.3	7.2	15.4
386.5m	Borland	229½	..	..	..	..
17.5m	Bowrons Int	168	●+12	8.5	5.2	8.0
1,740,000	Br Bloodstock	45	..	..	..	5.8
2,781,000	Br Thornton	15	..	..	..	..
8,998,000	Brompton Hldgs	58	-½	4.0	8.0	10.4
14.4m	Bula Resources	60.0	..	..	..	75.0
13.1m	Business Tech	6	..	0.5	7.7	4.5
948,000	CCS Gp	6	-½	0.7	11.7	4.7
40.7m	CML Micro	233	+15	24.1	1.3	15.2
3,277,000	CPU Comp	150	..	6.8	4.5	11.5
18.4m	Cap & Regional	127	-1	1.2	0.9	..
28.1m	Capita Gp	259	●+1	6.0	2.3	16.5
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	90	..	1.8	2.0	75.0
3,078,000	Cassidy Bros	57	..	1.0	1.8	..
14.5m	Castle Comms	233	●-7	11.0	4.7	9.7
14.6m	Central Motor	109	..	4.7	4.3	10.5
4,693,000	Chartwell	73	-1	8.3	8.4	5.7
4,810,000	Chelsea Man	45	-2	4.8	11.0	..
6,577,000	Chieftain Group	105	..	9.1	8.5	13.9
1,525,000	City & West	8½	..	..	..	..
3,540,000	City of Lon	46	-1	3.9	8.5	5.9
2,547,000	Clarke Foods	58	+1	2.7	4.7	11.2
6,554,000	Clarke Nickolls	57	-1	5.9	10.4	9.4
1,128,000	Clearmark	23	r +15½	..	..	..
9,260,0m	Cobrgen Inv	33p	-½	..	..	..
15.8m	Cobrgraphic	7	-½	1.2	5.4	10.9
38.4m	Colourvision	165	..	7.2	4.5	14.7
2,618,000	Co of Designers	15	..	0.3	2.0	..
1,166,000	Comax	18	..	..	..	..
40.1m	Conary Pet	98	+2	..	..	..
4,502,000	Cook (DC)	18	..	1.0e	5.6	8.4
3,700,000	Cooper Clarke	23	r +½	1.8	9.0	2.9
4,691,000	Copymark	49	●+2	3.3	7.8	9.2
9,235,000	Corp Services	274	..	..	..	..
18.5m	Crampborn	112	+2	2.8	2.8	16.1
1,481,000	Cranbrook	15	..	..	..	..
6,788,000	Cranswick	100	..	7.8	7.8	11.7
9,251,000	Croon Lodge	2	..	..	..	..
9,439,000	Creighton Nat	209	+2	7.7	3.7	59.1
19.8m	Crosserade Oil Gp	51	-1	..	..	..
10.0m	Crown Corn.	37	+3	2.0	5.4	..
1,360,000	Crown Eye	85	..	4.0	4.7	7.2
2,391,000	Davies (DV)	41	-1	..	..	2.8
4,650,000	Delmar	70	..	..	..	14.1
6,065,000	Dennamil Elec	140	..	7.5	5.4	10.8
	Diamond Gp	..	..	1.5f	..	..
28.7m	Dolphin Packaging	138	●-5	5.7	4.1	12.7
33.1m	Druck	555	●-5	11.2	2.0	14.0
1,585,000	Dunton	7½	..	..	..	..
6,130,000	Dudley Jenkins	105	..	5.3	5.0	13.5
5,071,000	Dunwin (DG)	26	+1	2.7	10.4	5.7
10.1m	Ely Pest	138	●+8	5.1	3.7	15.1
3,710,000	Eadie	19	..	4.8	..	4.8
3,599,000	EPD	53	-½	1.7	7.4	..
2,938,000	Edin Oil & Gas	17½	..	..	..	..
21.5m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	230	-5	6.5	4.9	..
19.2m	Epwin	122	●-4	8.5	7.0	7.9
24.5m	Esc Group	263	..	11.8	4.4	8.3
17.6m	Expedior Pic	38	+1	1.3	3.3	13.0
16.7m	Explorra Hldgs	32½	+½	..	..	..
35.4m	Fairhaven Int	15½	●-½	..	..	..
6,477,000	Fairway London	58	+7	4.0	6.9	12.3
36.5m	Feragat	368	+25	8.5	2.3	20.1
5,584,000	Fequet	71	..	6.5	9.2	8.3
2,980,000	Feedback	35	..	..	..	12.2
5,105,000	Ferromet	2½	+½	..	..	3.3
15.7m	Field (Nint)	10½	..	..	..	..
6,471,000	Flotter	28	..	..	..	..
22.5m	Firstend	16	..	..	..	24.2
33.8m	Flexitech	139	..	1.3	0.9	12.5
10.0m	Ford Sales	24	..	..	..	0.6
4,993,000	Forward Gp	68	+10	2.9	4.3	7.8
10.7m	Freeman Gp	165	-10	11.3	6.8	9.5
8,591,000	French Crown	80	..	3.8	6.0	22.9
65.5m	Fuller Smith 'A'	434	-1	17	1.9	18.5
6,903,000	GCF Gp	28	..	2.3	8.2	..
7,108,000	Gandy Gp	287	..	8.0	2.4	14.2
6,845,000	Gatebird	80	●-..	5.0	6.3	7.5
7,266,000	Gibson Lyons	168	..	8.0	7.8	8.9
10.0m	Gibbs Mew	183	+6	8.0	4.7	16.3
25.5m	Global Gp	97	+1	2.8	2.8	8.9
24.3m	Great Southern	208	●+10	11.3	5.5	14.8
11.0m	Green (Ernest)	144	..	8.3	6.5	5.5
6,877,000	Greenalls	181	..	8.5	4.5	18.1
480,000	Greenwich Comms	7	..	..	..	..
1,993,000	Guiltshoote	7	..	0.1	1.4	..
13.2m	Hadleigh Inds	187	..	8.3	4.4	9.8
3,310,000	Hallo Homes	7	..	..	..	..
3,743,000	Hampden Homecare	25	..	0.3	1.2	12.5
7,479,000	Handley Walker	108	●+4	10.7	10.4	7.2
1,999,000	Harcourt	2	..	..	..	..
9,725,000	Harmony Leisure	14	-½	..	..	..
10.4m	Hawthorn Leslie	6½	..	..	..	9.5
5,884,000	Hawtins	235	..	4.1	1.8	23.2
8,161,000	do 'A' LV	178	..	4.1	2.3	23.2
1,776,000	Heritage	33	-1	..	..	..
5,702,000	Hewetson	68	-2	6.0	7.2	8.1
2,803,000	Hey & Croft	204	..	..	..	..
1,663,000	Hilcare	60	..	..	..	7.3
4,003,000	Hobson	10	-½	..	..	..
2,486,000	Hodgers Tech	80	●..	6.0	10.0	9.4
2,436,000	Honeysuckle Gp	30	●..	..	..	..
19.4m	Hornby	238	●..	12.0	5.1	7.9
5,500,000	Hughes Food	7½	+½	..	..	2.6
18.2m	Hunleigh Tech	182	+10	4.0	2.1	15.5
4,809,000	HSTEM	108	..	3.8	3.5	7.5
8,825,000	Ind Cosmos	15½	-½	..	..	..
1,351,000	Ibex Hldgs	10	..	2.7	27.0	0.9
17.5m	Iceco	6½	-½	..	..	..
19.4m	Imtech	70	●-4	1.7	2.4	18.1
29.4m	Inflexint Express	191	+2	11.2	6.2	7.5
6,825,000	Intl Comm & Data	15½	-½	..	..	..
8,494,000	Intl Media	3¾	..	..	..	..
8,225,000	Intl Stds	38	-2	..	..	4.1
1,547,000	JMO Group	2	..	..	..	4.9
1,267,000	Kemp (PE)	8	..	..	..	..
7,685,000	Kenmore Res	16	..	..	..	..
23.5m	Kewill Systems	248	-1	6.0	2.4	9.2
5,481,000	LPA Ind	61	-1	4.7	7.7	12.5
14.7m	Lambert	288	●-1	16.0	5.6	7.6
3,180,000	Laser-Scan	91	+1	2.5	2.7	8.5
8,353,000	Lawes Plc	85	-5	1.5	2.5	28.4
1,800,000	LSW	28	..	1.5	3.6	48.8
5,100,000	Lloyd	72	-2	6.6	9.2	5.5
985,000	Lincoln Has	17	+½	..	..	1.5
13.8m	Lon & Clydesde	153	+1	8.0	5.1	6.7
120.0m	Lon Forfaiting	120	+5	8.7	5.1	21.2
6,695,000	LMAT Comp	18	..	1.0	4.2	6.7
30.7m	MTL Instruments	103	●+2	3.7	3.5	14.1
10.8m	Magnetic Materials	58	●+7	4.0	6.8	18.0
3,302,000	March Gp	11	-2	..	..	..
6,499,000	Marylebone	19	..	..	..	3.5
1,530,000	Mendprint	4½	..	..	..	..
3,731,000	Meyborn	58	●-1	5.1	10.2	5.1
32.8m	Mentor-Swain	235	..	9.2	3.9	9.7
788,000	Merchant Mast Ele	3	-½	..	..	..
22.0m	Merrydown Wine	433	..	9.5	2.1	20.7
13.0m	Metal Scaffold	142	-1	8.2	5.8	12.4
24.9m	Metalec	192	●..	8.5	3.2	8.4
17.1m	Microtec	130	-½	5.5b	4.2	11.7
7,980,000	Microtrend	19½	r +½	0.4	2.2	..
3,205,000	Midland Scot Res	108	-5	..	..	..
3,205,000	Minim Gp	17	..	2.6	15.5	4.3
6,126,000	Morris Ashby	78	..	5.5	7.3	5.6
12.8m	Morse	125	+½	6.7	5.2	75.0
11.4m	New England Props	11½	..	..	..	9.5
270,000	Do 10%	230	..	1000	11.1	..
2,078,000	Norbelt	60	..	6.5	3.0	12.4
11.5m	Northcrotton Fine	48	+1	2.0	4.1	..
901,000	Osmosystems	9	..	..	..	..
5,851,000	Osborne & Little	87	..	7.7	7.9	8.7
5,338,000	PCT	120	..	6.0	5.7	10.4
3,947,000	Pacer Systems	78	●+2	..	..	..
3,782,000	Pennycott	97½	..	..	..	13.5
1,562,000	Pathfinders	6½	..	..	..	12.7
11.3m	Pegasus	201	..	16.1	8.0	6.8
29.4m	Pelge Group	198	-4	8.7	6.0	4.5
41.8m	Pitch Pet	115	+5	..	..	17.8
2,906,000	Pneumco	69	..	4.5	7.9	12.8
2,978,000	Pelton	72	..	..	..	5.1
1,842,000	Porth Gp	112	-1	6.7	6.0	..
11.1m	Portmeirion	118	..	4.0	3.5	7.9
3,840,000	Prism Leisure	98	..	6.0	6.5	17.5
0,822.0m	Property Trust	1	..	..	..	..
15.6m	Pelon	72	●-2	2.2	4.4	7.5
11.8m	Oualipack	41	+1	2.9	7.1	9.5
3,472,000	RMT Gp	7	+½	..	..	..
5,261,000	Radio City 'A'	284	-8	14.0	4.9	13.4
34.8m	Radio Clyde	278	+3	11.0	4.0	12.8
14.4m	Radius	38	+½	1.5	3.9	12.8
5,432,000	Ramco Oil	98	●-1	2.7	4.8	14.1
3,918,000	Ranua	78	+1	..	..	..
18.0m	Rathbone Bros	215	+28	9.3	4.3	11.8
4,350,000	Real Time Control	82	+4	1.5	2.2	..
1,496,000	Regal Hotels	14	..	7.8	55.7	..
2,181,000	Regina Hardin	2½	..	..	..	..
33.5m	Reliance Sec	214	..	8.9	4.8	13.8
2,881,000	Rentokil	21	..	..	..	..
9,860,000	Revs	28	..	..	..	16.5
80.9m	Resort Hotels	238	●+1	4.5b	3.9	9.5
11.2m	Restel	28	●-1	0.7	7.5	5.6
13.5m	RPB Group	118	●-2	4.3	3.8	12.2
4,691,000	RSP Intl	13	+1	1.4	10.8	5.9
930,000	SPR Consultancy	10	●	..	..	26.5
1,100,000	Sandell	11	+½	2.5	5.2	..
14.4m	Sanders Sidney	203	+1	11.5	5.9	32.7
18.7m	Savage	84	..	..	..	..
3,400,000	Scot Heritable	19½	..	2.0	10.1	..
9,564,000	Seacon	150	-1	4.7	6.2	6.9
12.8m	Sec Archives	202	+2	8.3	4.0	18.8
1,721,000	Select App	8	..	..	..	..
6,186,000	Serif Cosmetic	21	..	0.7	10.0	7.7
3,370,000	Shandwick-Reeve	17	●-1	4.0	6.5	9.1
4,501,000	Sheldon Jones	87	+1	7.2	7.2	9.7
2,300,000	Shelton (Martin)	47	+1	3.0	7.2	7.1
6,450,000	Sheriff Hldgs	108	..	6.8	5.8	9.9
8,191,000	Sherwood Comp	138	●-2	5.5	3.8	7.1
30.7m	Sherwood Group	322	..	12.7	3.4	12.0
3,725,000	Shorco	125	●+1	6.8	5.5	7.7
3,700,000	Soundtracks	37	..	2.9	7.8	9.9
5,000,000	Spectrum	320	..	7.9	2.2	13.8
2,888,000	Spectralease	18	+1	..	..	..
2,777,000	Stainless Metal	38	..	1.2	3.1	..
124.4m	Stanhope Props	278	..	6.1	2.1	13.2
2,042,000	Sterling Pub	7	-½	2.3	8.2	2.3
11.2m	Stirling Int	3	..	0.9	4.6	4.0
10.8m	Sunleigh Elect	17	+1	..	..	..
28.0m	Sutherland	47	..	2.1	4.5	..
3,022,000	Swansea Comp	45	..	4.5	5.3	..
220,000	TDR Group	1	..	..	..	..
7,285,000	TLC Props	24	+½	2.4	8.8	8.8
24.8m	TMD Advert	247	+6	9.4	3.8	11.9
122.3m	TV-am	165	●-4	16.0	9.6	8.9
8,227,000	Tarsus	29	-1	..	..	22.2
5,472,000	Taylor (Elliot)	38	..	1.9	5.1	8.5
6,838,000	Thorn	89	..	4.0	6.7	11.1
3,506,000	Tissue Hldg	28	-½	2.1	8.4	10.5
1,352,000	Total Systems	12	..	..	..	..
2,527,000	Tramwell	12	..	..	..	..
13.7m	Transworld	88	..	..	..	8.9
8,097,000	Treatt	84	+1	4.3	5.9	11.2
27.5m	Trencherwood	88	..	..	..	4.8
4,940,000	Trevlan Hldgs	118	..	5.0	4.2	9.4
9,343,000	Triton	15	-½	0.7	4.4	..
7,918,000	Tubular Sdgn	14	-½	..	..	4.7
1,581,000	Tudor	28	●..	3.9	12.2	7.7
250.0m	Uni Friendly	267	●+12	12.7	3.8	..
5,891,000	Utd Group	104	..	..	..	11.7
3,116,000	Usher (Frank)	46	..	6.0	13.3	4.1
7,080,000	Vacuum Plant	7	..	..	..	..
5,482,000	VTR Plc	77	●-3	4.6	6.3	8.6
18.9m	Vibrac	19½	+½	..	..	10.7
3,150,000	Wallpac	12	..	0.7	5.8	11.0
5,838,000	Wenlock	74	+14	4.7	6.4	11.2
18.0m	Wentworth	17	..	..	..	5.8
3,675,000	Wessex	47	..	..	..	10.2
8,345,000	Westport	4½	..	0.9	10.5	3.9
4,183,000	West Scottish	40	+7	6.7	10.8	4.9
4,840,000	Wheelabrator	7	..	..	..	..
1,980,000	Wheelock Mapley	18½	..	1.5	5.8	10.1
6,648,000	Wood John D & Co	95	●-1	5.9	3.4	20.1
1,880,000	Wld of Leather	21	..	..	..	..
34.0m	Wyevale	161	+4	4.6	2.5	21.4
14.2m	Wylex	62	-2	5.0	8.1	9.7
9,444,000	XCL Sunrise	5½	..	..	..	..
10.8m	Xtra-Vision	7	..	..	..	..
11.9m	Young Group	118	●..	6.9	5.5	13.9
2,846,000	Zurich Group	3	-½	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
545.7m	Alliance	218½	..	9.3	4.2	31.5
142.2m	Amer Trust	178	●+1	6.5	3.6	34.0
318.7m	Ang & O'seas	280	+3	8.2	2.9	42.4
15.6m

Travelling hopefully to the dawn

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

With the local elections over and the battles of the Group of Seven fading into history, along with the military exploits of the United States Army Seventh Corps, it is time to return to economic reality. Is Norman Lamont right when he claims that the recovery is finally "around the corner"?

The Chancellor has rightly stressed that the first signs of recovery would appear in the indicators of expectations, not in historic figures on output, consumption or jobs. On this basis, some celebration was certainly in order last week. The Confederation of British Industry quarterly survey offered the first solid evidence that business confidence is on the way up. The size of the jump in the confidence index, from -57 to -17, and its confirmation by similar improvements in the expectations of output and orders, was too impressive to be dismissed as a statistical blip. On Friday, the government's own index of longer leading indicators provided further support, with its third consecutive monthly rise.

It seems, therefore, that a recovery is indeed on the way. But this was never in doubt, except perhaps among the die-hard monetarists who have been prophesying a Thirties-style depression, essentially on the grounds that people have got fed up with over-sized coins jangling in their pockets and turned to credit cards and cheques instead. The question for businessmen, politicians and economists of a more practical bent has never been whether the recession would end, but when this would happen and how far the economy would fall in the meantime. On these points, unfortunately, there is less reason for celebration.

In the past 30 years, the lag between a rise in the CBI confidence index and a turnround in GDP has averaged 1.8 quarters and varied between one and three quarters. If this pattern were repeated in the present cycle, growth would not return to the economy until the third quarter at the earliest. More probably, the recovery would begin in the fourth quarter, say around October, and it could quite easily be delayed until the first quarter of 1992. The government's leading indicators tell an entirely consistent story. The longer leading index, which usually indicates a turning point in the economy about a year in advance, started to move decisively upwards last November — pointing to a recovery beginning in autumn.

Turning to the economy's fate in the meantime, these auguries are far from encouraging. Virtually all recent economic forecasts have assumed that output would start recovering slightly in the second quarter and would be growing quite substantially by the summer months. This also seemed implicit in the Chancellor's Budget forecast of a mid-year recovery. But recently there has been a subtle change.

Mr Lamont now refers to a recovery starting in the second half of the year, which could mean any time before December 31. The potentially dire implications of such a postponement have not yet been drawn. A delay in the recovery until the fourth quarter would create a much deeper recession than most economists seem to be expecting at present.

Consider, for example, two of the most pessimistic private forecasts produced in the last few weeks. The ITEM Club, a group of econometricians with access to the Treasury's own model, predicted three weeks ago that real GDP would grow at an annual rate of 1 per cent between the first and second quarter and accelerate to an annualised 3.9 per cent in the summer months. Oxford Economic Forecasting, in its latest review published last Tuesday, showed the economy virtually flat in the current quarter, but growing in the summer at an annual rate of 2.3 per cent.

Significantly, these two groups are forecasting a GDP decline of about 1¾ per cent for 1991 as a whole, which is very close to the Treasury's own 1.9 per cent prediction and gloomier than the City consensus of 1.5 per cent.

Now consider what would happen to these forecasts if the economy just crawled along the bottom from April to September and did not begin to grow until the autumn. ITEM's forecast of a 1.7 per cent GDP decline this year would turn into a breath-taking drop of 2.5 per cent. Oxford would show the economy shrinking by 2.3 per cent against the 1.8 per cent expected now and the 2 per cent drop in 1980, the worst year of recession since the second world war.

More significantly, consumer spending actually rose by 0.1 per cent annually throughout the 1980-1 recession. This year, the official Treasury forecast assumes a fall of 1.7 per cent in consumer spending. Economists have ridiculed this figure as impossibly pessimistic, for the simple reason that consumption has never fallen that much in post-war history. But if the recession continues until the fourth quarter, the Treasury could actually prove over-optimistic.

For the consumer — and voter — the implication is simple. This will probably be the worst year of recession on record. But, as everybody knows, the darkest hour is just before the dawn — a cliché that may become a Treasury favourite in the next few months. The trouble is this "darkest hour" may not be seen until the autumn.

Anyone for an election in October?

Blueprint for a sell-off that brings power to the people

PUBLICATION of the pathfinder prospectus for the two Scottish electricity companies tomorrow presages a sale that many thought would never happen.

Political uncertainties — not least about the timing of the next election, hostility to privatisation in Scotland, and the problems faced by the government in selling the English and Welsh industry — were formidable obstacles.

Popular doubts aside, the Scottish power companies always looked the most attractive to investors. The run-up to privatisation has served to reinforce that view.

In contrast to the artificial division between generation and supply imposed by the government south of the border, the structure of the power industry in Scotland largely replicates the pattern that has evolved elsewhere in the world.

ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro-Electric are responsible for generation, transmission and supply throughout their areas. This "vertical integration" should make their businesses better balanced and will also facilitate an assessment of the trade-off between investment in generating plant and encouraging consumers to use power more efficiently.

In practice, that judgment will not be necessary for years. Thanks to excess construction in the past, and a decline in heavy industry, Scots require little more than 60 per cent of their country's 10,000 megawatts of capacity, even on the coldest winter day.

There is irony here. Impressive operating efficiencies mean much of the power generated in Scotland is cheaper than that produced in similar power stations elsewhere. Yet the interconnector, a link with the transmission system in England and Wales, can carry only 850 megawatts. A first priority, already being addressed, is to upgrade interconnector capacity to 1,600 megawatts to enable exports to be increased.

Both Scottish companies are already net power exporters, but it is not easy to be sure which plants that power will come from. To underpin the three Scottish nuclear power stations, which remain within state-owned Scottish Nuclear, the government has put in place a complex web of power purchase contracts.



Light engineers: Sir Donald, right, with Ian Preston, ScottishPower chief executive

ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro-Electric will be obliged to buy nuclear power for their base load supply. Hydro will also have to buy power from ScottishPower's coal-fired plants, in exchange for electricity from some of its own water-powered turbines.

The output of Peterhead power station, which is being converted to run on cheap supplies of sour gas from the Miller field in the North Sea, will also be divided between them. The net effect will be to stabilise the companies' power costs, and reduce the benefit to Hydro of generating some electricity from water-powered turbines that have long since paid for themselves.

> 'Power generated in Scotland is cheaper than that produced in similar power stations elsewhere'

Making and selling electricity is destined to become a cyclical business, but in the Scottish companies the risks will be moderated by distribution and supply activities.

Hydro serves the highlands and islands, an area covering a quarter of the United Kingdom, in which it has 600,000 domestic customers. Yet the balance of demand between householders, shops, offices and industry does not vary greatly from the pattern typical throughout Britain.

Distribution charges make up an important part of Hydro's revenues, which in the year to March last year were £435 million. Pre-tax profit was £50.1 million.

ScottishPower serves a more concentrated population in the central lowlands, and dispersed communities in the Borders. The company has 1.72 million customers and in the same year made profits of £130 million on sales of £1.13 billion.

Government advisers will delay putting a price on the companies for as long as they can. Present market estimates suggest that Hydro could fetch £750 million to £850 million, and ScottishPower £1.5 billion to £1.7 billion.

The most interesting passages in the pathfinder prospectus for many investors will be those devoted to diversification plans and environmental obligations.

Hydro is already involved in two sizeable projects to construct high efficiency combined-cycle gas-fired power stations on the east coast of England. Sir Donald Miller, the chairman, says ScottishPower is studying proposals for two similar, but smaller stations that would have London Underground as their base load customer.

These projects could give profits a lift from the mid-Nineties, when the inevitable post-privatisation cost-cutting drives run out of steam.

If ScottishPower is obliged to spend £300 million or more, however, to stem emissions from Longannet power station, which contribute to acid rain, investors will expect its price to be adjusted accordingly.

ROSS TIEMAN
Industrial Correspondent

'Feelgood factor' is lacking

GILT-EDGED

In spite of last week's poor local election results for the government, gilts still look attractive on a long-term basis with ten-year yields below 9½ per cent quite likely after the next general election. The reasons are quite straightforward. Bond yields in continental Europe should fall as the German economy slows and its short-term interest rates are cut.

The difference between British and German headline inflation will continue to fall, enabling the bond yield spread to narrow. This favourable background is broadly accepted, so why is it not already in the price of gilts?

There are three worries holding back gilts. First, there are lingering doubts about British inflation. Second, after a number of years of budget surpluses, the reality of regular dollops of supply is keeping the bulls wary. Third, and most important at the moment, is politics.

The problem of political risk is easiest to analyse by dividing it into pre-general election risk and post-general election risk. Before the election, sentiment in the gilt market will waver with the opinion polls. The bottom line for most gilts players is probably that they expect a Tory victory. Even though the gilts market may be held back by electoral uncertainties before the election, it is still in for a shock if Labour wins.

Before the election, the problem for the government and the gilts market is that the so-called economic "feelgood factors" will never be as good as at the time of the past two elections.

The 1983 and 1987 elections were held in the ninth and 12th consecutive quarters of economic growth. An election this autumn would only be in the first or second quarter of recovery.

Consequently, the unemployment rise will be much steeper than in the run-up to the past two elections, even if the headline total is lower. Base rates will probably be above the 10 per cent of 1983, let alone 1987's 9 per cent.

Unless the government hangs on into next year, there will be no pre-election tax cuts to compare with the handouts of 1983 and 1987. Although inflation is falling and business and consumer confidence are recovering, it will be difficult for the Conservatives to establish a commanding enough opinion poll lead before the election to set gilts off on a politically inspired bull run.

After the election, gilt prices should rise if the Tories win. What if Labour wins? The initial impact will be bad. Analysts will suggest that sterling's commitment to current European Monetary System parities is in doubt. They will insist that the public sector borrowing requirement will spiral out of control, noting that Labour will finance its budget deficits with gilt issuance rather than asset sales. They will worry about inflation and Labour's probable lack of a stable or working majority.

This is post-election political risk and it is unlikely to be fully discounted before the election. As the market comes off, however, the political risk premium will almost certainly be bid up too high — it will be a great time to buy gilts.

After a general election victory, Labour may take a little while to establish its credentials with the gilts market. John Smith is more likely to be boring and orthodox, like Pierre Bérégovoy, the French socialist finance minister, than dashing and radical, like Nigel Lawson. Mr Smith was advocating exchange-rate-mechanism entry long before it became government policy.

He will not want to damage the downward path of interest rates by calling current ERM parities into question or be softer on inflation than the Conservatives. A change in government may not mean much change in macroeconomic management now the government has abandoned Thatcherism and returned to the centre ground. So politics is a temporary diversion. Long-term fundamentals, driven by ERM disciplines, are good for gilts, whoever wins.

Political risk may be the dominant theme of the next few months but it will be a transient phenomenon. It is essential to distinguish the long-term trend from short-term fluctuations around it. For the longer-term investor, yields remain attractive.

DOUG JONES
Chief economist, Crown Agents Asset Management

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Satisfaction, but no sun

NOT many Swedish sun-lovers willingly swap Southern California for a job in the City, but such was the choice of Karin Forseke, formerly of Pru-Bache in Los Angeles, who came to London in 1989 as business development director of OM London, the Stockholm-linked futures and options exchange. On Friday, she led the launch of GEMx, the first index option on the German stock market. "It was clearly the one product people were lacking," says Ms Forseke, aged 36, who presented a stock market TV programme in Los Angeles. "I was asked to come over by OM in Stockholm, and it's not an offer that lands on your desk every week." More than 4,000 contracts were traded on the first day.

Ryder rides out

SEASONED City watchers will be interested to learn that Neil Ryder, the director of corporate affairs at BET, the diversified services group, has left the company to start his own investor relations consultancy. And those of them with keen memories may recollect the events of February 1, this year, when the BET share price halved to 65p before rallying to close at 100p. Nearly four hours after the first drop — and following repeated calls to the BET offices — the company finally put out a statement saying that it was "not aware of any justification for such a fall". Ryder is the author of *Investor Relations — How to Make Sure the Financial Community Supports Your Company.*

Surveying rugby

WHAT is it about chartered surveyors that turns them into rugby players? Andy Irvine, the former Scotland and British Lion full back, is in the Edinburgh office of Jones Lang Wootton, while Gavin Hastings, the Scottish full back, is with Richard Ellis. Huw Davies — an English stand-off half in spite of his name — graces Dron and Wright, while Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks can boast Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, and Marcus Rose, who pulled on an England shirt at full back. In fact, three of the England grand slam side this season are chartered surveyors. "Perhaps it is the traditionally male environment of the surveying profession," a spokeswoman for JLW says. "They go in for cricket as well."

Yellow card

BARCLAYS Registrars scored an own goal last week when it sent out share certificates on behalf of Clearmark Group, best known for "Wembley" toy footballs, after a capital reorganisation. Unfortunately, Barclays got its sums wrong and shareholders received four times as many shares as they were entitled to. A letter was despatched, blaming a "processing error" for the slip-up, and warning shareholders to destroy their pink certificates. They were urged to use a new yellow certificate showing the correct number — the yellow card, so to speak.

Family business

DARRYL Phillips, the South African businessman who stepped down last week from Acsis, the media marketing group, has a busy time ahead. Most of it will be spent jetting between London and Johannesburg, his home until he left South Africa five years ago. "Family engagements will keep me busy," says Mr Phillips, aged 47, who celebrates his 25th wedding anniversary in June. He will be in Johannesburg in July for his mother-in-law's 70th birthday, and is due back in Africa in August and October for the weddings of his daughters, Gabby, aged 23, and Gina-Lee, aged 21.

A CANADIAN firm is marketing a device to be installed in houses for sale that transmits a message describing the property's main attractions. Passing motorists can hear it on their car radios up to 150 yards away. So far, 2,500 of the "talking house" devices are in place in Toronto alone.

JON ASHWORTH

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Trafalgar House aims to bridge Gulf of Corinth

By PHILIP PANGALOS

TRAFALGAR House, the construction, property and shipping group, has made a prequalifying bid to tender for a project to build a bridge connecting the central and southern parts of Greece over the Gulf of Corinth.

Achilleas Karamanlis, the Greek environment, town planning and public works under secretary, announced that the four-lane bridge would cost an estimated 70 billion drachmas (about £220 million). He had indicated that his ministry preferred a suspension bridge, but would also examine floating designs.

Trafalgar House, one of seven consortia that have expressed an interest, has made a joint proposal with WTB, a German civil engineering and construction group.

Another British company in at the prequalifying stage is Freeman Fox, which is in a consortium headed by Bouygues, the French group. Other interested parties include Strabag International, of Germany, and GTM International, of France.

The 1.5-mile bridge, which will be the longest in Greece, will connect the towns of Rion and Andirrion, the two closest points between central Greece and the Peloponnese, near Patras, the main port in western Greece. At present, the only access to southern Greece is a bridge over the Corinth canal, 50 miles southwest of Athens, or by small ferry boats.

The project will affect an area containing about a quarter of the Greek population.

Financing will come from construction companies or other groups that will be able to recoup their investment by charging tolls. The project is due to begin next year and expected to take four or five years to complete.

Full tenders for the design, construction, financing and operation are to be invited from the shortlisted groups.

Trafalgar House's bridge-building expertise will put it in a very strong position.

British companies have a good reputation in Greece, and the bridge project provides an excellent opportunity for involvement in other big schemes in Greece.

The New Democracy government of Constantine Mitsotakis is determined to see the bridge plan through. Previous attempts to build it, in 1986 and 1988, failed to get off the ground.

Funding part of the project privately is expected to bring the scheme to fruition this time. Large European banking groups have expressed an interest.

Future opportunities include a water reservoir and tunnelling project, which has a budget of about Ecu300 million and will secure the necessary water supply for the greater Athens area, the capital's new airport and an underground for Thessaloniki in the north, Greece's second largest city.

There are also plans for a number of self-financing motorways and city by-passes, while other projects may include desalination plants on several Aegean islands.

The European Community has already granted Greece an Ecu2.2 billion balance of payments loan, part of which may be used to finance public infrastructure projects.

CAPITAL MARKETS

Treasurers lament passing of the inverse yield curve

BACK in the good old days, long-term lenders demanded a premium interest rate for putting their capital at risk over a prolonged period. It made sense. The borrower might give the appearance of creditworthiness now, but who knows what might happen over the next 20 years?

Then along came the inverse yield curve. Instead of demanding higher interest rates for lengthy loans, fund managers were falling over themselves to invest at annual rates well below those charged for even one-day loans. The opportunity was too good to miss, and dozens of UK companies locked in to low-cost bond finance for up to 25 years, allowing them to save millions through reduced short-term bank borrowings. In 1989, during the peak of the inverse curve, UK corporate bond issuance reached a record £4.3 billion.

How times have changed. This year, for the first time since 1987, UK corporates would have to pay a premium over bank debt to borrow long-term on the bond markets. According to recent research from BZW, the positive cost of issuing long-term corporate bonds is about 20 basis points.

This represents a swing of more than 300 basis points from 1989, when short-term interest rates rocketed. At the peak, corporate treasurers could save almost 3 percentage points on their interest charges by issuing in the long-term bond markets. For example, ICI would now have to pay an extra 70 basis points to issue a bond maturing in 2005 rather than one due in 1995. Just over a year ago, the situation was reversed, with the longer dated issue costing up to 60 basis points less than the short. Spreads of corporate issues have increased as the credit quality of the sector has declined. Corporate spreads over gilts are in some cases their highest for seven years.

The inevitable result of this turnaround? A dearth of corporate issuance at the long end of the yield curve. BZW believes this is an investment opportunity too good to miss, and is advising clients to switch into long dated corporate sterling issues from gilts to take advantage of the high relative yields and the wider than usual spread. In theory, as BZW argues, corporate bonds should offer excellent returns over the next 12 months.

A shortage of supply at the long end, combined with improving credit quality in the corporate sector, "should continue to produce excellent returns relative to gilts". BZW estimates that these factors could produce a narrowing of yield margins of at least 40 basis points and that this could take place sooner rather than later. No wonder investment bankers are having such a hard time persuading corporate treasurers that now is a good time to issue.

JONATHAN PRYNN

REPORTING THIS WEEK

BP likely to make quarterly loss

THE first-quarter's figures from British Petroleum, the international petroleum and petrochemical group chaired by Robert Horton, are likely to reveal the company's first quarterly loss, although the figures, due on Thursday, will reflect stock losses.

Last time's historic cost net income was £344 million, although this was boosted by about £100 million of disposal profits.

Substantial stock losses are likely to result in this time's historic cost figure showing a loss of about £54 million, according to Stephen Turner, an analyst at Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from losses of £20 million to £75 million.

Mr Turner expects the first-quarter replacement cost net income to advance to £425 million (£361 million). Forecasts range from £350 million to £440 million. A maintained quarterly dividend of 4.2p is expected.

Refining margins in Europe and the Far East will be "especially good", helped by a lower oil price. The chemical businesses should show modest improvements on the fourth quarter of last year.

TODAY

Interims: Ericsson (LM) (quarterly), Tiger Oats.
Finals: Ambassador Security Group, Beattie (James), East Daggafontein Mines, German Investment Trust, German Smaller Companies Investment Trust, Jarvis, Ropner, Smurfit (Jefferson).
Economic statistics: Finished steel consumption and stock changes (fourth quarter), housing starts and completions (March).

TOMORROW

SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American drugs and consumer products group, is expected to parade the benefits of its 1989 merger and announce a 15 per cent increase in first-quarter pre-tax profits to £250 million, according to Didier Cowling, at the Nomura Research Institute. SK will benefit from greatly reduced interest costs, which could fall to £12 million (£55 million), currency hedging and cost savings.

Underlying sales are expected to rise by 10 per cent, but Nomura expects merger benefits to result in growth in underlying trading profits of about 17 per cent. Earnings per share are forecast to climb to 11.8p (10.8p).

Analysts see continued growth from Augmentin, the company's antibiotic drug, which has been described by SK as having blockbuster potential, the tag given to a product with sales of $500 million a year. But Tagamet, the firm's best-selling anti-ulcer drug, is expected to see a small erosion of its market share. Seroxat, a relatively new anti-depressant, may also show some growth, although analysts believe it may still take time for the drug to make a real breakthrough.



Neil Shaw: shareholders in Tate & Lyle should stand by for some sweet news

Tate & Lyle, the largest sweeteners group in the world, which is headed by Neil Shaw, should shrug off the effects of the recession on both sides of the Atlantic and a weaker dollar to see half-year profits rise modestly. Mike Nightingale, at County NatWest WoodMac, expects pre-tax profits to rise from £87.5 million to £93 million.

Market forecasts range from £89 million to £95 million. Earnings per share are forecast at 13.3p (11.6p), with the interim dividend up to 3.6p (3.3p).

Tate should benefit from good refining margins in America and Britain, although the group has witnessed more difficult trading in Canada and continental Europe.

Tate's North American operations, which generate about 60 per cent of group profits, have seen good demand from the food and drinks industry, which should help offset some of the effects of a weaker dollar.

Immediate attention at Tate, which saw British Sugar snatched from under its nose at the turn of the year, may focus on its hostile bid for Bundaberg Sugar, Australia's second largest sugar group.

Interim pre-tax profits at **Trafalgar House**, the construction, property and shipping group headed by Sir Nigel Broackes, are expected to plunge from £116.9 million to £50 million, according to Tim Harris, of Nomura. Market forecasts range from £40 million to £50 million. But the dividend should be maintained at 8.8p.

Property and investment profits are expected to dive to £25 million (£65.2 million). Profits from construction and engineering should climb to £31 million (£26.4 million), thanks to a strong order book, estimated at about £2.5 billion, with J Brown accounting for about £1.5 billion of the total.

A combination of the recession and the effects of the Gulf troubles will push shipping and hotels to an estimated loss of £8 million, against profits of £30 million last time. The interest charge should fall to about £4.5 million (£12.7 million).

Interims: Bibby (J) & Sons, Glasgow Income Trust, Holmes & Marchant Group, SmithKline Beecham (first quarter), Tate & Lyle, Tilon Holdings, Trafalgar House.
Finals: City of Oxford Investment Trust, London Atlantic Investment Trust, Power Corporation, Worth Investment Trust.
Economics statistics: Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

Sears, the retail group that owns Selfridges, Saxone and Wallis, will report a sharp fall in its full-year profits as conditions continue to deteriorate.

Rodney Forrest, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, expects final pre-tax profits to dive from £177 million to £110 million. Market forecasts range from £94 million to £115 million.

The dearth of tourists will restrict growth at Selfridges, which accounts for about 20 per cent of group profits, while the footwear side is expected to see substantially lower profits. The interest charge is expected to jump to about £24 million (£11 million).

Smith & Nephew, the medical and surgical products company that makes Nivea and Elastoplast, is expected to report reduced first-quarter profits of £28 million (£30.7 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. The results will be severely affected by currency movements.

The consumer division, which is largely based in Britain, will have been hit by the recession. NHS business will have been affected by destocking as hospitals try to balance their books. The American businesses have continued to do well, gaining market share.

A strong second-half performance should help **Hi-Tec Sports**, Britain's leading supplier of sports shoes, to exceed comfortably last year's profits of £6.4 million. Hoare Govett, the house broker, expects final pre-tax profits to top £7.3 million, although the feeling in the market is that they will approach £8 million.

UBS Phillips & Drew expects interim pre-tax profits at **Kunick**, which operates amusement machines and runs care homes, to show a decline to £7.1 million (£8 million).

Interims: Anglo Irish Bank Corporation, API Group, British Petroleum (first quarter), Kunick, MMT Computing, Smith & Nephew (first quarter).
Finals: Amer Group, British Shoe Corporation, Broadstoner Holdings, First Ireland Investment Company, Highcroft Investment Trust, Hi-Tec Sports, King & Shaxson Holdings, Midland & Scottish Resources, Seafield, Sears, Smith St Aubyn (Holdings).

FRIDAY

Interims: Ensign Trust.
Finals: Parkland Textile (Holdings), Rademec Group, Whitbread Investment Company.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (April).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, June 27, 1991, 10:00 a.m. at the BASF Feierabendhaus, Leuschnerstraße 47 Ludwigshafen/Rhine, Germany

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Group for 1990; presentation of the 1990 Annual Report covering BASF Aktiengesellschaft and the BASF Group; presentation of the Supervisory Board Report.
2. Declaration of dividend.
3. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board.
4. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Executive Directors.
5. Appointment of auditors.
6. Authorized capital.
7. Bond issues with warrants.
8. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation.

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Annual Meeting and to exercise their right to vote must have deposited their shares during normal office hours and in the prescribed form at a depository bank. The shares should remain deposited until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Shareholders have the right to vote by proxy. Depository banks and the full Agenda are published in the "Bundesanzeiger" of the German Federal Republic Nr. 84 of May 7, 1991.

Depository banks in the U.K.:

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The deposit is only effective if the shares are submitted by Wednesday, June 19, 1991.

The Board of Executive Directors
Ludwigshafen/Rhine,
May 7, 1991

BASF Aktiengesellschaft
D-6700 Ludwigshafen

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	May 6 midday	May 3 close
Abbott Lab	50⅝	50⅝
Aetna Life	43⅝	43⅝
Ahmanson	17¾	17¾
Air Prods	63⅛	64
Albertsons	47¼	47¾
Alcan Al	20⅝	20⅜
Alco Stand	50⅝	51
Allied Signal	29⅝	29⅝
Alumin CA	70⅝	70⅝
Am Brands	41⅞	41⅞
Am Cyanamid	62⅝	61⅞
Am EPC	29⅝	29⅝
Am General	38⅝	38¼
Am Home	89⅛	89⅛
Am Intl	89⅞	90
Am Medical	10	9⅞
Am Stores	66⅝	66⅝
Amax	24⅛	24⅞
Amer Hess	54¼	54⅛
Ameritech	63⅛	63⅛
Amoco	25⅜	25⅝
Amoco	54⅛	54⅞
AMP	50⅜	50⅛
AMR	62⅛	61⅞
Anheuser-B	62¼	62
Apple Comp	49	49
Archer-Dan	23⅜	23⅜
Arkla	18⅝	18⅝
Armstrong	27⅝	28
Asarco	25⅛	25⅜
Ashland Oil	33⅜	33¼
AT&T	36⅝	37⅛
Atlan Richfd	127⅞	128⅜
Avdo DP	34¼	34⅜
Avery Intl	24⅛	24⅛
Avon Prod	46⅝	46⅝
Baltimore	29⅛	29¼
Banc One	39⅞	39
Bankamerica	26⅞	26⅝
Bard	26⅝	27⅛
Barnett Bk	29⅝	27
Bausch Lmb	57⅞	56¼
Baxter Intl	34⅝	35
Bay Banks	77⅛	78⅜
Bell Atlan	48⅝	48⅝
Bellsouth	60⅞	61
Bir Hughes	29⅛	29⅜
Black Decker	12⅝	13⅛
Block	52	52⅜
Boise Tst NY	46⅞	50⅛
Boeing	48⅝	48⅝
Boise Casc	35⅛	35⅜
Border	37¼	37⅜
Brist-Myer	79	79⅜
Browng-For	28⅝	28⅝
Burl Nth	30	30⅛
CAI	8	7⅞
Campbell Sp	85⅜	85⅞
Can Dimo	47⅜	48¼
Cap Cities	473⅛	484
Capital HC	51⅛	52⅛
Carolina	42⅜	47⅛
Caterpillar	48⅝	50⅛
CBS	181⅞	183⅜
Central SW	46⅝	45⅝
Champion	27⅞	28
Chase Man	18⅛	18⅜
Chem Bkng	19⅝	19⅞
Chevron	77⅞	77⅞
Chrysler	13⅞	14
Chubb	65⅜	66⅝
Cigna	50⅛	50
CitiCorp	15⅞	16⅛
Citizns Utc	40⅝	40⅝
Clorox	95⅞	96⅜
Coastin Eds	38⅝	39⅛
CNA Fncl	53⅜	54⅞
Coastal	34	34
Coca-Cola	55	55⅞
Colgate-Pal	79⅝	80⅜
Colorado Gas	40	39⅝
Compaq	50⅜	50⅝
Conagra	44⅞	44⅝
Cons Edis	24⅝	24⅜
Cons NG	39⅞	39⅞
Cons Rail	80⅜	80⅝
Cooper Ind	48⅞	48⅝
Corning	60⅞	60
CPC Intl	85¼	85
Crown Cork	76	76⅝
CSX	41⅝	41⅞
Dana	32⅝	32⅝
Dayton-Hud	75⅜	76⅛
Deere	51⅞	52⅜
Delta Air	72⅝	73⅜
Dekna	40⅝	40⅝
Detroit Ed	29⅜	29⅝
Digital Eq	66⅝	66⅛
Dillard	121	116⅜
Disney	121⅛	122⅝
Dominion	48⅝	48⅝
Doonelley	46⅝	47⅜
Dover	40⅝	40⅝
Dow Chem	51⅛	51⅛
Dow Jones	28⅛	28⅝
Duracell Int	33⅝	33⅝
Du Pont	63⅛	63⅛
Duke Pwr	28⅛	28⅜
Dun Bradst	47⅜	47⅜
East Kodak	41⅞	41⅞
Eaton	57⅛	57⅛
Emerson El	48⅝	48⅝
Enron	55⅞	55⅞
Entergy	24⅞	25
Exxon	50⅛	50⅝
Ecxico	39⅞	40⅛
Fed NMA	48	47⅞
Fedrl Dptr	37⅝	38⅛
Fst Nortstr	25¾	24⅞
Fluor	48	48
FMC	44⅛	44⅛
Ford Motor	33⅝	34⅛
FPL	30	30⅛
Fst Chicago	28	28
Fst Interstate	39⅝	39⅞
Fst Union	19⅛	19⅜
Gannett	43⅜	43⅝
Gen Cinema	28	28
Gen Elec	72⅞	72⅝
Gen Mills	57⅞	58⅛
Gen Motors	37⅞	38⅛
Gen RE	88⅛	88⅝
Gen Signal	47⅛	48⅛
Genentech	29⅝	29⅞
Genuine Pts	40⅝	40⅝
Georgia-Pac	47⅛	47⅛
Gillette	71⅝	72⅜
Goodrich	36⅝	36⅝
Goodyear	21⅞	21⅞
Grace	31⅜	31⅛
Grngd Mnd	24⅛	24⅜
Gt Atlantic	44⅞	45⅜
Gt Western	17⅞	17⅝
GTE	30⅝	31⅛
Halliblin	42⅝	42⅝
Helmz	37⅝	37⅞
Hercules	37⅞	38
Hershey Fd	42⅛	41⅞
Hewlett Pkd	48	48⅜
Hilton Hd	46⅛	44⅝
Home Depot	69⅛	69
Homestake	14⅛	14⅛
Honeywell	57⅞	57⅛
Houston Ind	37⅛	37⅛
Humana Inc	43⅛	43
Huntgtn Bncs	30	31
IBM	103⅝	103⅝
IFSF	62⅞	62⅝
Illinois TW	59⅝	59⅝
Inco	35⅜	34⅝
Ingsol-Rand	46⅞	47
Inland Steel	20⅝	20⅝
Intel	48⅛	48⅛
Intl Paper	63¼	63⅛
ITT	60	60⅝
James River	26⅛	25⅞
Johnson Johns	93⅝	94⅜
K Mart	41	40⅝
Kellogg	94⅛	96
Kerr-McGee	42⅛	43
Kimbly-Clrk	95¾	94⅞
Kroger-Fdstr	59⅝	59⅝
Lilly	76⅜	77⅜
Limited	27	27⅛
Lin Bnkstg	70⅞	71⅛
Lincln Nat	60	60
Litton Ind	86⅛	85
Lockheed	44⅛	44⅛
Louis-Pac	27⅞	27
Maxus Enrgy	23	24⅜
Marriott	18⅝	19⅝
Marsh Mclen	79⅝	80⅛
Martin Mar	54⅛	54⅞
Masco	22⅜	22⅞
May Dept	54⅞	54⅞
Maytag	16⅛	16⅜
McDnl Doug	48⅛	48⅛
McDonalds	33⅜	33⅜
McGraw-Hill	60⅛	60⅛
MCI Com	27⅞	28
Mead	36	36⅛
Medtronic	117⅞	116⅝
Mellon Bk	29⅝	29⅝
Melville	48⅝	48⅝
Merck	114⅝	115⅜
Merll Lynch	36⅛	36⅝
MidlBnf	67⅞	68
Mobil	62⅝	62⅝
Monsanto	83⅝	83⅝
Moore	25⅛	25⅛
Morgan	53⅝	53⅝
Motorola	62⅝	62⅝
Nat Medical	47⅛	47⅛
Nat Semi	7⅝	7⅝
Nat Service	24⅝	24⅝
Nwkstar	5⅛	5⅛
NCNB	28⅝	27
NCR	104	103⅛
NED Bncp	39⅜	39⅜
Newmont Min	54⅞	54⅞
Nicor	35⅛	35⅛
Nike	48⅝	48⅝
NL Indstrs	12⅛	12⅛
Nordstrms	39⅛	39
Norflk Sthn	48⅝	48⅝
Norwest	28⅝	28⅝
Nthn St Pwr	34⅛	34⅛
Nthn Telcm	39⅞	39⅞
NY Times	22⅝	22⅝
Nynex	72⅞	73
Ocdnl Petrl	19⅝	18⅜
Ohio Ed	18⅝	18⅝
Oneida Sys	9⅛	9⅜
Oryx Energy	36⅝	36
Pac Ent	38⅞	38⅝
Pac Gas Elec	24⅞	24⅞
Pac Telesis	41⅞	41⅝
Paccar	42⅝	42⅝
Pacificorp	21⅜	21⅛
Pall	30⅝	30⅞
Paramount	39⅜	39⅝
Parker-Hanin	29⅝	29⅝
Penney	61⅛	60⅞
Pennzoil	72⅝	72⅝
Pepsico	31⅝	31⅝
Pfizer	57⅞	57⅞
Phillips Pet	27⅛	27⅜
Philips Elec	20⅝	20⅝
Phlp Morris	66⅝	66⅝
Phips Dodge	64⅜	64⅜
Pitney Bow	68⅛	69⅝
Pnc Bcmn	12⅝	12⅝
PNC Fncl	35	35⅞
Prdntl Estn	12	12⅛
Polaroid	24⅜	25
PPG Inds	47⅝	48⅛
Procr Gmble	82⅝	83⅝
Price	52⅝	52⅝
Primedex	30	30⅛
Pub Service	27	27⅞
Quaker Oats	38	38
Raytheon Pur	59⅜	58⅝
Raytheon	28⅞	28⅝
Reebok	61⅛	61⅛
Rockwell	24⅛	25⅛
Rohm Haas	60⅛	61
Royal Dutch	59⅝	59⅝
Rubbermaid	25⅛	25⅜
Ryder Mil	36⅝	36⅝
Safeco	61⅛	61⅛
Salomon	32⅝	33⅛
Sant Fe Pac	8⅜	8⅜
Sara Lee	30⅛	30⅛
Schercorp	39⅝	39
Schlumbgr	64⅝	64⅛
Schrg-Ptgh	50⅞	50
Scott Papr	43	43⅜
Seagram	57⅝	57⅞
Sears Rbk	39⅝	37⅞
Sears Pac	28	28⅛
Sherwn-Wllms	22⅝	22⅝
Skglne	17	17⅛
Smap-on Tls	30⅞	31
Southern	27⅝	27⅞
St Paul	69⅛	69⅛
Stanley Wk	34⅝	35⅜
Stone Cntr	18⅝	18⅜
Sun Co	31⅞	32⅛
Sunbst Bk	28⅛	28⅝
Super Valu	28⅜	28⅝
SW Bell	53	53⅜
Sprint	42⅝	42⅝
Sysco	40⅜	39⅝
Tandem	15⅞	16⅛
Tandy	32	32⅛
Tele-comm	15⅝	16
Teledyne	18⅝	18⅜
Temple-In	41⅞	42
Tenneco	43¼	44
Texaco	67	67⅜
Texas Inst	39⅝	39⅝
Texas Util	37⅞	37⅞
Textron	52⅝	52⅝
Thos Betts	117⅛	116⅝
Times Mirr	29⅝	29⅝
Timken	24⅝	24⅞
Torchmark	53⅛	53⅝
Toys R Us	28⅛	28
Transam	32⅝	32⅝
Travelers	23⅞	24
Tribune	46⅝	46
TRW	40⅜	40⅜
Tyco Lab	48⅝	48⅝
UAL	164⅜	165
Un Camp	43⅝	44
Un Carbide	18⅛	18⅝
Un Pacific	62⅝	62⅝
Unilever	81⅞	82⅛
Unisys	4⅛	4⅛
Unocal	26⅝	26⅞
Upjohn	43⅞	44⅛
US West	37⅜	37⅜
Utd Brnds	18⅝	18⅝
USFG	11⅜	11⅜
US Life	40⅜	40⅝
UST	44⅛	44⅛
USX	32⅞	32⅞
Utd Tech	44⅝	46⅜
Utd Telcm	28⅝	28⅝
VF	29⅛	29
Wal-Mart	41⅛	41⅛
Waste Mgmt	40⅛	40⅜
Wells Fargo	67⅞	68⅛
Westg Elec	27⅜	27⅜
Weyerhsr	36⅝	36⅝
Whirlpool	31⅝	32⅛
Whittmn	13⅝	13⅝
Winn-Dixie	57⅝	57⅝
Woolworth	31⅛	31⅛
Wrigley	63⅛	63⅛
Wmer-Lamb	72⅝	73⅛
Xerox	59⅝	57⅞

Dow falls in thin early trade

New York

A PROMISED recovery of blue chips faded in thin late morning trading, with shares depressed by lower futures and bond prices. Analysts said trading would be subdued while investors searched for direction.

President Bush returned to the White House after being treated at Bethesda Naval Hospital for an irregular heartbeat. Abbe Cocuzza, a strategist in stock index futures at Lehman Brothers, said: "With his leaving the hospital, it relieves a lot of worry."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 13.31 points at 2,925.54 at one stage.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 27.15 points to 1,518.80. One dealer said: "Like most other markets, Bush's health was the main topic today."

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index eased 33.45 points to end at 3,704.43.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index rose 4.6 points to 1,522.4.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index fell 7.85 to 1,623.99. (*Reuter*)

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2924.42 (-14.44)*
S&P Composite	378.48 (-2.32)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3704.43 (-33.45)
FT-SE Euro 100	1129.77 (+1.45)†
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	95.1 (-0.3)
Sydney: AO	1522.4 (+4.6)
Frankfurt: DAX	1623.99 (-7.85)
Brussels:	
General	5755.10 (-3.57)
Paris: CAC	487.70 (+1.89)
Zurich: SKA Gen	545.6 (-5.8)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1217.76 (-3.17)†
FT-"500"	1345.25 (-2.73)†
FT Gold Mines	143.9 (+3.0)†
FT Fixed interest	94.30 (+0.10)†
FT Govt Secs	94.88 (-0.17)†
Bargains	25292†
SEAQ Volume	452.7m†
USM (Datastream)	136.11 (+0.22)†

*Denotes latest trading price
†Denotes Friday's close

Furniture retailers face a tough year

By JONATHAN PRYNN

BRITAIN'S furniture and carpet retailers face a gloomy outlook at least until the start of next year, in spite of the benefit of falling interest rates.

This is the conclusion of a downbeat report on the sector, which had one of its worst years to date last year, carried out by Verdict, the research group.

The report claims that the furniture industry will recover later than other consumer sectors because its fortunes are so closely linked with the housing market. Fixed rate mortgages mean that many home owners do not immediately feel the benefit of base rate cuts.

According to Verdict: "Any form of spending recovery is unlikely until early next year at best and furniture will certainly not feature as a top priority."

Furniture retailers will be hoping for some improvement on last year, when furniture spending fell 6 per cent in real terms and floor coverings by 7.6 per cent.

Total spending on the two markets was £6.42 billion, a 0.5 per cent decline in nominal terms.

The leading player last year was MFI with a 9.8 per cent share, followed by Allied Maples (3.2 per cent) and Queensway/Carpetland, whose share fell from 9.1 per cent in 1987 to 2.7 per cent last year when it went into receivership.

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Established in Amsterdam

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Wednesday 29th May 1991 at 12.00 hours at the office of the Company, Keizersgracht 674, Amsterdam.

Shareholders wishing to attend the general meeting of the Company must deposit their shares not less than seven days before the meeting with Hollandse Koopmansbank N.V. Keizersgracht 674, Amsterdam or with Hill Samuel Bank Limited, 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit certificate will be issued to such shareholders which, upon surrender, will entitle them to vote at the meeting.

Holders of shares registered with the Company in its Shareholders' Register must inform the Board of Managing Directors in writing at least four days prior to the meeting that they intend to attend the meeting in person or by proxy.

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Royal Exchange Assurance is prepared to issue a power of attorney for the same number of shares held in trust as the certificate holders shall have deposited with Royal Exchange Assurance.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1990 and of the Resolutions (which will include proposed amendments to the Articles of Association to comply with the new Dutch Act on the Supervison of Investment Institutions) to be put before the meeting will be available at the offices of the above named.

By order of the Board
HOLLANDSE KOOPMANSBANK N.V.
MANAGEMENT
AMSTERDAM
7th May 1991

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
2	Severn Trent	Water	
3	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
4	HTV Group	Leisure	
5	Rolyon	Industrials L-R	
6	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
7	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
8	Slough Estates	Property	
9	Marley	Building,Roads	
10	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
11	BCC Group	Industrials E-K	
12	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
13	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
14	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
15	P & P	Electricals	
16	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
17	Campari	Leisure	
18	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
19	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stores	
20	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
23	Manders	Building,Roads	
24	Morrison (W)	Foods	
25	Shell	Oil,Gas	
26	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
27	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
28	Young 'A'	Breweries	
29	Portsmouth Sand	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Amec	Building,Roads	
31	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
32	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
33	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
34	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
35	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
36	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
37	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
38	Cohen (A)	Industrials A-D	
39	Hellwy	Building,Roads	
40	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
41	Salvesen (Chas)	Foods	
42	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
43	RHM	Foods	
44	Weir	Industrials S-Z	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock out-standing £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int yield %	Gross red yld %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1300m	Treas	9%	1991	99⅝	+⅛	8.1	
1100m	Treas	12½%	1991	99⅞	...	10.5	...
1546m	Exch	11¾	1991	99⅞	...	11.5	...
2194m	Treas	11¾%	1991	99⅞	...	11.5	...
472m	Treas	3%	1992	99⅝	+⅛	3.2	...
1514m	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	...	9.1	...
1691m	Exch	10%	1992	99⅝	...	10.1	...
1298m	Treas	13½%	1992	101⅝	+⅛	12.8	...
1577m	Exch	12¾%	1992	100⅝	+⅛	12.5	...
1668m	Treas	9%	1993	99⅝	+⅛	9.1	...
1148m	Treas	12½%	1993	101⅝	+⅛	12.1	...
1145m	Treas	13½%	1993	103⅝	+⅛	12.8	...
1728m	Treas	9¾%	1994	99⅝	+⅛	9.6	...
1542m	Treas	11¾%	1994	101⅝	+⅛	11.3	...
1502m	Exch	10½%	1994	99⅝	+⅛	10.4	...
1315m	Exch	12½%	1994	105	+⅛	11.5	...
1186m	Exch	13¼%	1994	108	+⅛	12.1	...
668m	Treas	14½%	1994	110¾	+⅛	12.5	...
184m	Gilt	8%	1990-95	98⅝	+⅛	8.5	...
2100m	Exch	10½%	1995	99⅝	+⅛	10.5	...
342m	Treas	12%	1995	108⅝	+⅛	11.7	...
913m	Treas	12¾	1995	109⅝	+⅛	11.7	...

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

724m	Treas	9%	1992-96	99⅝	...	9.0	...
1697m	Conv	6¾	1995	98	+¼	10.1	...
885m	Exch	12¾%	1996	110⅝	+⅛	11.5	...
888m	Treas	10%	1996	110¾	...	12.1	...
1388m	Treas	13½%	1996	119⅝	+⅛	11.4	...
2304m	Exch	13¾%	1997	120⅝	+⅛	11.4	...
3125m	Treas	13½%	1997	120⅝	+⅛	11.4	...
1442m	Treas	10%	1997	111¾	+⅛	11.2	...
888m	Exch	10%	1997	109¾	+⅛	11.2	...
2501m	Treas	8%	1997-00	99	...	7.8	...
2971m	Exch	12%	1998	116	+⅛	11.1	...
2306m	Exch	12%	1998	116	+⅛	11.1	...
1171m	Treas	15½%	1998	135¾	+⅛	11.4	...
1337m	Conv	6¾%	1998	99½	+⅛	6.8	...
1540m	Conv	10¼%	1998	109¾	+⅛	10.4	...
1288m	Treas	9%	2000	99⅝	+⅛	9.1	...
3177m	Exch	12¾%	2000	118¾	+⅛	11.2	...
2977m	Conv	6¾%	2000	99½	+⅛	6.8	...
2063m	Conv	13%	2000-03	119¾	+⅛	11.3	...
666m	Conv	5%	2000	95	+⅛	5.4	...
2872m	Treas	15¼	2000	138⅝	+⅛	11.4	...
1130m	Treas	14%	2000-01	128	+⅛	11.2	...
78m	Exch	9%	2000	99⅝	+⅛	9.1	...
2663m	Treas	8%	2000-03	98⅝	+⅛	8.1	...
518m	Conv	10%	2000	109⅝	+⅛	9.1	...
1672m	Exch	10%	2000	109⅝	+⅛	9.1	...
91m	Treas	12¾%	2000-03	117¾	+⅛	10.7	...
864m	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	108⅝	+⅛	10.7	...
2665m	Conv	6¾	2005	95	+⅛	6.9	...
2598m	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	115¾	+⅛	10.8	...

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1488m	Treas	8%	2003-06	98⅝	...	8.1	...
1273m	Treas	8¾%	2007	99⅝	...	8.8	...
3403m	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	109⅝	...	10.7	...
1881m	Treas	9%	2008	99⅝	...	9.0	...
1934m	Conv	13½%	2004-08	123⅝	...	11.0	...
2241m	Treas	8%	2009	98⅝	...	8.1	...
2044m	Conv	9%	2011	99⅝	...	9.0	...
2123m	Treas	8¾%	2008-12	99⅝	...	8.8	...
3558m	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	97⅝	...	8.0	...
1180m	Exch	12%	2013-17	118	...	10.2	...

UNDATED

68m	Consols	2½%		39½	...	10.1	...
117m	Treas	2½%		39½	...	10.1	...
15m	Treas	3½%		39½	...	8.9	...
673m	War Lo	3½%		39½	...	8.9	...
7m	Cons	3½%		39½	...	8.9	...
143m	Consols	4%		58½	...	10.1	...

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883m	Treas	2.5%	1992	238½	+¼	2.1	...
586m	Treas	2%	1994	117½	+¼	1.7	...
1724m	Treas	2.5%	1995	175½	+¼	2.1	...
1276m	Treas	2.5%	2001	141½	+¼	1.8	...
1828m	Treas	2.5%	2003	137½	+¼	1.8	...
1572m	Treas	2.5%	2006	134½	+¼	1.8	...
1216m	Treas	2.5%	2009	126½	+¼	1.8	...
1798m	Treas	2.5%	2011	133½	+¼	1.8	...
1527m	Treas	2.5%	2013	131½	+¼	1.8	...
1992m	Treas	2.5%	2016	117½	+¼	1.8	...
1844m	Treas	2.5%	2020	113½	+¼	1.8	...
355m	Treas	2.5%	2024	95	+¼	2.5	...

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Capitalisation £m	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,550.0m	Abbey National	571			12.7	4.7	9.4
1,150.7m	Allied Irish	177		+10			
71.0m	Anglocastor (Henry)	286				2.0	5.3
1,718.7m	Arb Nthn Z	172					
4,022.5m	Bankamerica	1723					
669.1m	Bank of Ireland	197					
1,371.3m	Bank Leumi Israel	570½				21.9	5.1
25.7m	Bank Leumi UK	380				20.0	5.3
1,044.6m	Bank Of Scotland	357					5.5
22.4m	Bank Of Wales	78		+127		3.7	
7,187.8m	Barclays	482		+10		28.2	5.9
3,765.0m	Beazlebank	7				10.7	4.2
40.6m	Brown Shipley	295					5.4
5,615.0m	Cortals	3½					
167.1m	Cesr Allen	78				8.5	7.4
75.3m	Cedes					5.1	7.1
	Chancery						
1,404.7m	Chase Manhattan	237½					
3,112.7m	Citicorp	89¼					
69.0m	Close Bros	238				10.9	4.6
2,338.7m	Crpmmerzbank	239½					
8,282.4m	Deutsche Bank	390½					
307.1m	First Nat Fin	89				17.3	9.1
74.4m	GPG	23					
191.1m	Gerrard Nat	337				20.5	6.7
27.3m	Gerrard Nation	227					
2,925.0m	HSBC	238					
409.8m	Hambros	277				24.1	8.1
23.3m	Joseph (Leopold)	408				23.7	5.8
29.7m	King & Shaxson	235				13.7	5.1
427.2m	Kleinwort Benson	285				21.3	7.5
4,265.0m	Lloyds	345		+20		28.4	8.2
50.0m	Lon Scot Fin	58				3.7	6.5
1,724.0m	Midland	288				12.0	4.2
2,740.7m	Nat Aust Bk	376					

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 29. Dealings end May 17. §Contango day May 20. Settlement day May 28.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices.

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4,785.8m	Allied-Lyons	388				
3,481.8m	Bass	571				
184.7m	Bodington	230				
187.2m	Bulmer (H P)	295				
27.9m	Burtonwood Brew	270				
114.4m	Dunnotts (JA)	287				
	Fenning Gp					
5,227.3m	Grand Met	827				
412.1m	Greenall Whit	380				
388.0m	Greene King	1000				
5,393.5m	Guinness	391				
39.8m	Hardys & Hansons	1000				
200.0m	Highland Dist	180				
193.0m	Invergordon Dist	180				
1,000.0m	Scottish	1000				
169.6m	Morrison Thompson	215				
38.0m	Matthew Clark	220				
59.7m	Maxtead	1000				
2,175.8m	SA Breweries	1000				
1,240.6m	Scot & Newc	1000				
518.6m	Vaux Grp	1000				
2,140.5m	Whitbread 'A'	1000				
331.1m	Do 'B'	1000				
355.0m	Wolverhampton & D	1000				
12.2m	Young 'A'	1000				

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £m	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.1m	Abbey	70				
488.6m	Amec	210				
16.0m	Anglia Sec	1000				
4,180.0m	Arnolds	1000				
882.1m	Attwoods	1000				
884.4m	BPB Ind	1000				
41.1m	Bambridge Stick	1000				
3,944.0m	Barlby (Geo) Constr	1000				
211.6m	Barrett Dev	1000				
665.1m	Bemrose PLC	1000				
69.0m	Bett	1000				
3,927.0m	Bellway	1000				
140.1m	Berkeley Gp	1000				
22.6m	Blatt Bros	1000				
39.6m	Blockleys	1000				
1,404.5m	Blue Circle	1000				
90.1m	Bovis (Henry)	1000				
30.6m	Brandon PLC	1000				
21.1m	Br Dredging	1000				
595.2m	Bryant	1000				
34.6m	CALA	1000				
765.0m	CRH	1000				
2,650.0m	Cahoned Robey	1000				
25.6m	Conder Grp	1000				
485.6m	Costain	1000				
44.6m	Countryside	1000				
77.6m	Crest Nicholson	1000				
75.6m	Cruden (Phil)	1000				
21.7m	Edmund Nuttall	1000				
38.6m	Ellis	1000				
648.6m	Ernest Barton	1000				
2,919.8m	Finlay Gp	1000				
74.6m	Galliford	1000				
1,831.6m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	1000				
51.6m	Gleeson (MJ)	1000				
5,895.0m	Glynwed Intnl	1000				
8,198.0m	Hanson Ind	1000				
166.6m	Hawden-Stuart	1000				
172.6m	Haywood Williams	1000				
88.3m	Hdge & Hill	1000				
14.7m	Hill Gp	1000				
4,771.0m	Howard Hdge	1000				
168.5m	Hollock Johnson	1000				
15.6m	Ibstock	1000				
137.6m	Laing (J)	1000				
19.7m	Lawrence (Walter)	1000				
72.7m	Lilley	1000				
77.6m	Lovell (Y J)	1000				
91.4m	Meadows	1000				
348.6m	Marley	1000				
82.0m	Marshalls	1000				
29.6m	Mercantile Inv	1000				
59.6m	Metalrax (Alfred)	1000				
45.7m	McCarthy & S	1000				
430.0m	Minet Int	1000				
512.4m	Mitchell (John)	1000				
85.6m	Mowlem	1000				
148.6m	Newman Tonks	1000				
168.1m	Pendleton	1000				
5,342.0m	Pilkington	1000				
8,000.0m	Rank Org	1000				
22.6m	Ransomes	1000				
1,696.6m	RMC Gp	1000				
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573.6m	Shanley	1000				
1,702.6m	Tarmac	1000				
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Divided right to parenthood

Bearing children and founding a family have separate rules. Elizabeth Roberts argues that the law on infertility treatment is too vague and doctors too powerful

LEGAL BRIEF

Should society respect the right of all women to bear children? Or is the right *to* a child less important than the rights *of* the child-to-be? The recent controversy surrounding "*virgin births*" raises the important question of whether access to reproductive technologies ought to be regulated.

The European Convention on Human Rights states that member countries must uphold the right of men and women "to marry and to found a family". However, this in itself may create problems. To begin with, it seems odd to speak of a "right" to something that no law or government can provide. *Marriage is rather different as it is* a legal status that society may confer on, or deny to, couples, but founding a family is ultimately, even with technological help, a question of biology.

When couples attempt to found families by natural means, the state does virtually nothing to interfere, but nor does it do anything to help, for example, in the search for the perfect mate. For those who need infertility treatment, help is, of course, essential and the lack of public financial assistance is a big problem.

There are only two NHS "*designated centres*", fully funded to provide infertility services. The long waiting lists force many people to seek costly private care. Does the "right to found a family" put a corresponding obligation on the state to fund techniques to give infertile people the chance to found families?

Another problem for the infertile is that some would-be parents are rejected as "unsuitable". Although there are centres that will give donor insemination to single women and lesbian couples, many agencies limit access to married couples or those in stable heterosexual relationships.

Even clinics that say their selection of patients is "non-judgmental" agree *that some* prospective patients should be turned away. None would be likely to treat a woman with a history of child abuse, or one with a serious psychiatric disorder, if only because it would seem cruel to inseminate a woman whose child would then be taken away at birth.

English law tolerates and even supports some of these obstacles to the use of reproductive technologies. In the only case to have come before the courts, a woman had been turned down for in vitro *fertilisation (IVF) treatment* because she had convictions for prostitution-related offences. She challenged the consultant's decision. The court's ruling was that, unless the doctor had applied his discretion in a manner in which no reasonable consultant would have done, his decision to reject the woman could stand.

The new Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act requires screening of a sort, stating that a woman "shall not be provided with treatment services unless account has been taken of the welfare of any child who may be born as a result of the treatment (including the need of that child for a father) . . ."

What does this mean? The Statutory Licensing Authority will be *giving guidance* to doctors, but it seems that they will retain much discretion. The act adds that persons may refuse to take part in any activity governed by it if they have a conscientious objection to doing so.

In almost all other medical practice, doctors and the NHS are obliged to provide *all patients with a satisfactory* level of care. It is not for the doctor *to worry that the hands he* bandages may go on to forge *cheques or pick locks.* What is the difference here?

Most IVF recipients have some medical problem. However, the treatment is costly and has to compete for the limited public funds allocated for medical care. Here, there is no hierarchy of medical need that may help to determine which cases are treated first. All childless people are equally unfortunate. We are left with a choice, either to select those to be treated by lot, or to use the adoption model, in which agencies are permitted and indeed expected to choose parents on the basis of aptitude.

Cynics might argue that we refrain from screening fertile couples *only because this would* be virtually impossible. However, one can also argue that if infertility makes it necessary for others to assist in conception — physically and financially — then it may be reasonable to expect them to be concerned about the results of their acts.

Society expresses its concern by obliging the doctor to do what virtually everybody would see as the duty of any partner in conception: *to have regard for the welfare* of the child-to-be. Most would *accept that the presence or absence* of a father should at least be a factor in assessing that welfare.

To leave considerable discretion in the hands of doctors may be seen as an arbitrary and unaccountable exercise of power. The element of arbitrariness might be alleviated by abandoning the completely flexible "case-by-case" approach to screening, in favour of the practice employed in many clinics, in which sheets are printed explaining their own "ground rules" to families, general practitioners and prospective patients.

Could society limit the doctor's discretion further? It would seem wrong for the law to demand that a doctor disregard his or her moral scruples and give infertility treatment to all those whom society would consider acceptable parents.

If the doctor's practices seem too lenient, the Statutory Licensing Authority will have power to remove *his or her licence to* provide infertility treatment. Be*yond that, the law is a* blunt instrument. A statute could ban doctors from treating certain groups, but such precision is open to abuse. Fathers "of convenience" might spring up — and then disappear afterwards.

Enforcement might also be difficult, especially given the less safe, but reasonably simple and still lawful option of self-insemination. Moreover, the cases in which most people would want state intervention would be *the hardest to* define: those in which the *applicants would make* deplorable parents.

We may be left with little alternative to the present system in which every practice frames its own rules of access, backed by the two basic legal rules, which, first, allow the doctor the exercise of conscience, and, secondly, oblige that conscience to be used, to ensure that treatment is given only after some consideration of the welfare of the child-to-be.

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Court of Appeal — **Law Report May 7 1991** — Queen's Bench Division

Statutory bar does not apply

In re Land and Property Trust Co plc and Others

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment May 2]

The statutory bar provided by section 18(1)(f) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 prohibiting an appeal from an order relating only to costs, save with the leave of the court or tribunal in question, did not apply where the order for costs had been made against a person who was *not a party to the proceedings.*

Such an order was so exceptional that Parliament could not have intended that a person against whom it had been made should be left without a right of appeal. There was accordingly *in such a case a right of appeal* to the Court of Appeal, without any requirement as to leave.

Section 18(1)(f) was to be understood and taken as applying only to orders for costs made against persons who were parties *to the proceedings.*

The Court of Appeal so held on the application of the directors of Land and Property Trust Co plc and 10 subsidiary companies who sought to appeal from orders of Mr Justice *Harman that they personally* pay the costs incurred by certain creditors of the company, including John Lelliot Management Ltd, in opposing petitions for administration orders presented by the companies under the Insolvency Act 1986. The judge had refused leave to appeal against his orders.

Mr John McDonnell, QC and Mr Guy Newey for the directors; Mr Adrian Francis for John Lelliott

LORD JUSTICE *NICHOLLS said that* the question was one of jurisdiction, namely whether having regard to section 18(1)(f) the directors had any right or means of appeal.

The statutory source of the *jurisdiction exercised by the* judge in making the orders was section 51(1) of the 1981 Act. The section was the source of the court's power to order one or other party to an action or other proceedings to pay the other side's costs.

Thus far there was no difficulty. In all such cases section 18(1)(f) applied. But section 51(1) had a wider embrace. His Lordship referred to *Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] AC 965) where the House of Lords had held that its application was not confined to parties to the relevant proceedings.

Undoubtedly the judge had jurisdiction under section 51(1) *to make the orders against* the directors although they were not parties to the petitions. Clearly, and as he had in mind, the circumstances in which a costs order was justified against a non-party would be exceptional.

The making of a costs order against a non-party was so unusual and far-reaching a departure from the normal *course of events to be expected* in litigation that his Lordship could not believe that Parliament had the present type of case in mind at all when it enacted section 18(1)(f) or its predecessor.

It would be remarkable if a "stranger" could be ordered to pay costs and have no right of appeal unless the judge who made the order gave leave. Parliament could not have intended that such a person was to *have no right of appeal at all* whatever the circumstances and however severe or Draconian the effect of the order might be.

Section 18(1)(f) was to be understood and taken as applying only to orders for costs made against persons where they were parties.

Costs orders against non-parties were not "relating to costs only" so as to be within that paragraph. Such an order related to matters other than the outcome of the proceedings. It had to be concerned with more, *for example the conduct* of the non-party, to justify it.

Two factors encouraged his Lordship in his view.

First, although section 18(1)(f) and section 51(1) and their predecessors had been on the statute book for a long time, it was only recently that the House of Lords clarified the full scope of section 51(1) in the *Aiden Shipping* case.

Second, it was already established *that the bar created by* section 18(1)(f) was not without exceptions, or apparent exceptions: see *Scherer v Counting Instruments Ltd* ([1986] 1 WLR 615). The propositions there set out by Lord Justcie Buckley had, *subject to two modifications* which were immaterial for present purposes, been approved by the House of Lords in *Bank America v Nock* ([1988] AC 1002).

Accordingly the directors had a right of appeal which was not barred by section 18(1)(f)

The *Master of the Rolls* agreed.

Solicitors: Kanter Jules Grangewoods; Masons.

Operation of immigration appeals

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Panchan and Others

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment April 30]

The restrictions on the right to appeal introduced by section 5 of the Immigration Act 1988 did not have retrospective effect when applied to persons who had *received their notice* of deportation or had been in breach of their conditions of leave to enter before the Act had come into force since the section did not come into operation and the right of appeal was not affected until the deportee had lodged his appeal.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the applicants, Leyla Panchan, Eugenio Manez, Winnie Mundowa, Florence Awujo, Lawrence Kpaka, Okese Eze Egbe and Anna Ampah-Baiden, judicial review of the refusal of the Home Secretary to hear their appeals against their notices of deportation.

Mr Michael Shrimpton for the applicants; Mr Robert Jay for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that section 5 deprived a deportee of the right of appeal under section 15 of the Immigration Act 1971 where the grounds for deportation were for breaching limited leave or belonging to the family of a person in breach of limited leave.

Three separate acts had to occur before the section came into operation: (i) the person must have broken his limited leave condition; (ii) the secretary of state must have made a decision to deport, there was no automatic ruling of a decision to deport (and both those acts were unaffected by the 1988 Act); (iii) once (i) and (ii) had occurred the final thing which brought section 5 into play was the exercise of the right of appeal.

Section 5(2) gave the Home Secretary power by exemption orders to exempt particular classes of those affected by section 5(1).

The applicants asserted that because the events which gave rise to their deportation had occurred before the Act came into force they were being deprived of the right of appeal under the 1971 Act.

But the fact that they had overstayed before the Act came into force was irrelevant to the question of whether the statute was retrospective. It was well established that where there was a vested right the courts would *not allow an Act except with* express wording to abrogate that right but here there was no such accrued right.

The applicants had simply overstayed their leave and the section had no affect until they attempted to appeal.

In addition, his Lordship did not accept that the statute was not procedural. There was no substantive right granted in the Act and nothing to show that it was not procedural in which case the presumption against its having retrospective effect did not apply.

Solicitors: Jane Coker & Co, Tottenham; Wilson & Co, Tottenham; Henry Thompson & Sons, Grantham; T. V. Edwards & Co, Bow; Treasury Solicitor.

Directors of insolvent company not personally liable for costs

Taylor v Pace Developments Ltd

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment May 1]

While it had been clearly established that section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 enabled the court to make an order for costs against a person who was not a party to the proceedings, *it would seldom be appropriate* to make such an order against the directors of an insolvent defendant company.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mr Richard Taylor and others, against the dismissal by Mr John Lindsay, QC, sitting as a deputy judge in the Chancery Division, of an application by the plaintiffs, who were successful in their proceedings against the defendants, Pace Developments Ltd, for an order for costs, not only against the defendant company, *which was insolvent, but also* against Mr Nithsdale Dobbs, the managing director and sole beneficial shareholder of the company. An identical question arising in relation to the costs of the fifteenth defendant to the company's counterclaim, Mrs Janet Golding, was decided in the same way.

Mr Richard McCombe, QC, for Mr Taylor and Mrs Golding; *Mr Augustus Ullstein* for Mr Dobbs.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that until recently it would have been unheard of for a successful litigant to obtain an order for costs from a person who had not been a party to the proceedings. But *Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] AC 965) had changed *the practice.*

Section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provided: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this or any other Act and to the rules of court, the costs of and incidental to all proceedings in the civil division of the Court of Appeal and in the High Court . . . shall be in the discretion of the court, and the court shall have full power to determine by *whom and to what extent the* costs are to be paid."

In *Aiden Shipping* the House of Lords, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, had held that the subsection was not subject to any implied limitation. The words "by whom" were not to be read as meaning "by which party".

In the instant case the judge had exercised his discretion in favour of Mr Dobbs. *The question* was whether the judge was right.

The judge had given leave to appeal and no doubt the reason leave had so readily been given was the reference in Lord Goff's speech in *Aiden Shipping* to the Court of Appeal laying down principles for the guidance of courts of first *instance.*

But for his Lordship's part he would hope that appeals on costs would not be more frequent than they ever had been. The danger of laying down too many principles for the guidance of judges was that they tended to harden into rules. There was only one immutable rule in relation to costs, and that was that there were no immutable rules.

Mr McCombe submitted that *the principle to be applied* was that stated by Mr Rix, QC, in the course of his argument in *Aiden Shipping* (at p971) that the court should make the person substantially responsible for causing the costs to be incurred bear them.

His Lordship could not accept Mr McCombe's argument. He noted that Mr Rix's principle found no support in the speech *of Lord Goff.*

In any case it would be difficult to apply in the case of a one-man company. The controlling director of a one-man company was *inevitably* the person who caused the costs to be incurred, by causing the company to defend the proceedings.

But it could not be right that in every such case he should be *made personally liable for costs,* even if he knew that the company would not be able to meet the plaintiff's costs should the company lose its case.

That would be far too great an inroad on the principle of limited liability. In the great majority of cases the directors of an insolvent company, which defended proceedings brought against it, should not be at personal risk for costs.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Peter T. James & Co; Hamlin Slowe.

Extending validity of writ issued but not served

The Mouna

Where an *ex parte* application was made for the extension of the validity of a writ issued but not served, good reason had to be shown by the applicant as to why that writ ought to be extended.

The Court of Appeal (Lord *Justice Glidewell and Mrs Jus*tice Bracewell) so held on April 30 when allowing the appeal of the owners of the vessel Mouna against the decision of Mr Justice Sheen on March 22, 1990 to dismiss their application to set aside the order of the Admiralty Court made on October 6, 1989 to extend for 12 months the writ issued by the plaintiffs, owners of a cargo of wheat lately laden aboard the *Mouna.*

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the mere fact negotiations were being conducted by the parties for a *settlement* was not in itself a good reason for extending time for the validity of a writ.

If by words or by conduct one party led the other to believe *that he* would consent to an extension or that he in fact agreed to an extension then that could be a ground for inferring an agreement. But something less than that was not enough.

There was no evidence that the shipowners had acquiesced or agreed to any extension. Their representatives had been content to negotiate but if time had slipped by it was not their responsibility.

The second *dictum* of Mr Justice Brandon in *The Owenbawm* ([1973] 1 Ll L Rep 56, 60) that it would be just to renew a writ where there had been implied agreement between the parties deferring service of a writ was not correct in law.

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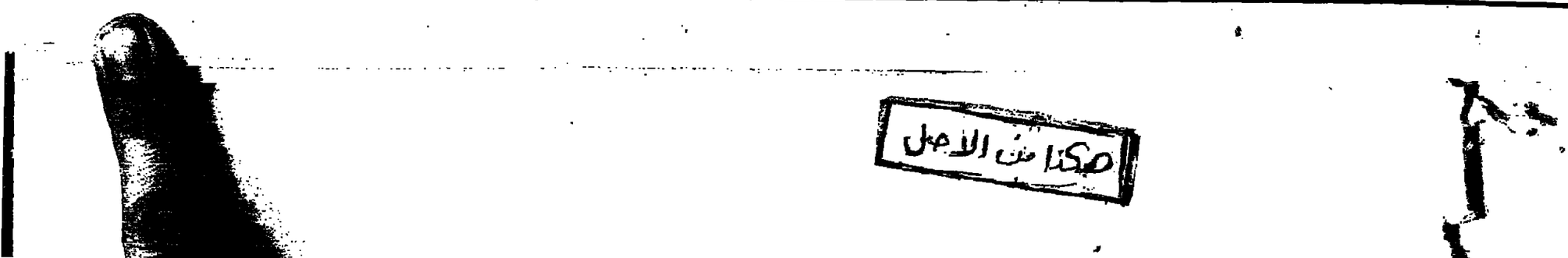
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Shipshape and Europe fashion

A specialist lawyers' group should help the EC's maritime industry, writes Edward Fennell



KEITH ACKFORD



On the right course: London lawyers have led the way to greater coherence in maritime affairs. Right: Philip Ruttley, the director of Emlo

Led by London-based lawyers, the European maritime industry took an important step last week towards bringing coherence to the way it runs its affairs. The European Maritime Law Association (Emlo) came into being at an inaugural meeting in London under the chairmanship of Sir Gordon Slynn, a European Court judge.

The board membership is drawn from lawyers in Paris (including Emmanuel Fontaine, of Gide Loyrette Nouel), Brussels (Dr H.J. Rabe, of Schon Nolte Finklenburg & Clemm), Copenhagen and Madrid, and a bevy of academics and European Commission officials. Emlo is to provide what the maritime industry has never had before: a neutral forum for the discussion of trade and other issues.

"The maritime industry has always been split between a variety of conflicting interest groups," says Philip Ruttley, who becomes a partner this month at Holman, Fenwick & Willan, which has been the brains behind setting up Emlo. "As a result, there has been no way, until now, to coordinate opinion in the industry or influence decision-making at international level."

Sounding out possible members, in Britain and elsewhere in the European Community, Mr Ruttley found an enthusiastic response. Lawyers working in the maritime field appreciate that in the years ahead the European Commission will be taking a much greater interest in the way the shipping industry works.

"After years of being overlooked, 'cartelisation' in the maritime industry will be hammered," Mr Ruttley says. "It is important that there is greater dialogue between the industry and Brussels so that the industry understands more about European Commission law and the Commission gets more information about the industry."

Shipowners from the Community countries have a long history of losing market share. The danger is that more companies will "flag out" to Far Eastern or South American countries, leaving the Community shorn of the ability to transport its own goods in its own ships. In response, the Community is thinking up ways to maintain a strong European fleet, including the possibility of a Community flag under which Community-based ships would sail.

Apart from the trade issues, there are environmental, fisheries and seabed resource problems. In the absence of any single voice for the industry, the Commission would find it difficult to glean representative views.

The formation of Emlo, therefore, with Mr Ruttley as the director and Dr Philippa Watson, a Brussels-based barrister, as the secretary, is a neat solution for the industry and the bureaucrats alike. Emlo has also shown the ability of British lawyers to take an initiative and coordinate action across the Community.

The organisation's secretariat is being provided by Holman, Fenwick & Willan, and a research link has been established with the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at London university. By coordinating action in this way, and bringing in a world-class academic legal institution, Emlo's founders are proving they can orchestrate action and resources at the highest level with relative ease.

So, although Mr Ruttley avoids scoring chauvinistic points, the fact that London, not Brussels, formed Emlo is a testament to the city's role as the Community's leading legal centre. This has been underlined by the organisation's official languages: documents will be printed and conferences held in English and French, and so far this does not seem to have deterred lawyers in other countries from joining.

Perhaps even more important than the nationalist dimension is the way the setting-up of Emlo has shown the role that lawyers can play in dealing with important issues of cross-border concern. Although there are plenty of bureaucrats on the board, the lawyers have made the running and occupy the key positions.

At a time when lawyers are feeling the cold breath of criticism and competition, Emlo is a good example of the way they can lubricate the workings of the European Commission to give reality to the ideals of a single market.

● *Emlo membership details from Philip Ruttley, Holman, Fenwick and Willan, Marlow House, Lloyd's Avenue, London EC3N 3AL (071-488 2300).*

A new life – thanks to the law

Evening courses can turn mothers into solicitors and miners into barristers

THE only time David happened to buy the evening paper it contained the polytechnic's yearly advertisement for its part-time law degree by evening study.

Four years' hard work two nights a week brought him his first law degree, and four years' more study, still part-time, his doctorate. After a senior lecturing job at a polytechnic, he is now a university don.

Wendy was nearly 20 years and several children past the date of her one A-level when her relatives said: "She will end up in a mental ward." After *her* four years and a full-time year on the Law Society finals course, who knows what her relatives think of local authority solicitors?

Finally, Justin was off to the pub one evening when he saw someone putting up the enrolment signs. He was a miner then. He is a barrister now.

A range of people have taken the Bachelor of Laws course – old (71), young (17), highly educated (doctorate), never having taken an exam in her life (left school at 15), "relevantly" employed (with a coroner), not employed at all (made redundant) – all had to have the iron in their souls.

Part-time course tutors learn how inefficient our society is in maximising talent at school, or at the school-leaving stage, and that a woman who has looked after home, partner, children and a job finds the studying not only a doddle but also a pleasure.

Such students have to attend a polytechnic or a higher education college because, although most of Britain's 30 polytechnics run evening LLB courses, only one university has ever done so. For those not too far northwest of Preston or southwest of Plymouth, or too deep into Wales, the opportunity is there.

Legal executives wishing to become solicitors, and teachers desperate to switch careers are well represented among those whose primary motivation is to be professionally qualified. Nurses are among other public-sector workers keen to make the change.

There are many police officers too. The non-graduate officer finds promotion difficult, and for some a move to the legal profession fits in nicely with their mid-age retirement. The police, incidentally, are more likely than most to survive the cruel wastage rate on the first year of evening law degrees, which is sometimes 50 per cent. Police seem to possess the vital quality of persistence.

The eventual employability of mature students is increasing. Gone, or going, are the days when barristers' chambers or law firms might look askance at the older person.

One cloud looms. In the Eighties, polytechnic law departments were increasingly able, and their staff willing, to provide an accessible and affordable way for local people to better themselves while keeping their jobs.

Now, however, after the 1989 privatisations, money rules and, sadly, the only people in polytechnics who are not of the good old "real world" are part-time students, the cost of whose course fees has, in the past, been heavily subsidised.

In that same real world, those who do not have to work in the evenings may well choose not to do so. An afternoon's short course for the Law Society's continuing eduation programme may produce as much revenue as that generated by an entire year's evening-study finalists.

Distance learning may be the answer, and the Open University is considering offering law degrees.

CHRIS BARTON

● *The author is in charge of part-time LLB students at Staffordshire Polytechnic.*

INNS AND OUTS

All quiet at the top

SIR Allan Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has so far stayed silent, in public at least, on the heated topic of full rights of audience for Crown Prosecution Service lawyers. He is, however, keeping his staff in the CPS abreast of developments. In recent circulars he explains the challenge now being made by James Nursaw, QC, the head of the Government Legal Service, to Bar Council rules, which stop CPS and other employed barristers from having full rights of audience.

"I do not accept the Bar Council's position," Mr Nursaw says. However, prosecutors are gently warned not to enter the public arena on the subject. The CPS will be under close scrutiny, Sir Allan says, and lawyers "will no doubt have well in mind the need to maintain a professional and responsible approach to this sensitive issue". The situation, he adds, is delicate, the issues complex and controversial. Sir Allan is "acutely aware of the strong feeling about the issues under consideration". He says: "I shall make a public response in an appropriate manner when the time is right."

Does it all work?

GOVERNMENTS pass new laws at an increasing rate in an effort to remedy complex social ills, but do we know how effective new laws are? Do we know how legislative milestones such as the Unfair Contract to Terms Act and the Insolvency Act have worked? Do we know whether legislation contributes to marital breakdown or the collapse of small companies?

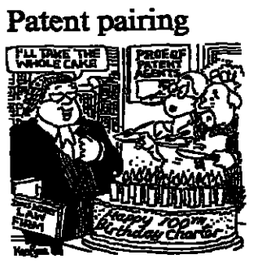
The Socio-Legal Studies Association and the Association of Law Teachers have arranged a research study day on May 17 at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies to promote research into the impact of legislation. They point out that while the government often sets up a consultative body to examine the desirability of a new law, it rarely sponsors research into how effective recommended changes are in practice. The study day will look at funding, research methods, the documentation of findings and issues of confidentiality.

Today's orders

A DEFENDANT in a domestic violence case will no longer be confused when served with a county court injunction ordering that he "or his servants or agents or otherwise be restrained . . ." Many a husband or other defendant must have wondered why the court thought he had servants or agents.

Under a reform brought in last week, defendants will be notified well in advance of orders to be sought against them and of the hearing date. The change, recommended by the county court rule committee, may blow away a legal cobweb, but defendants will have a clearer idea of the message. The order now decrees that Mr X "is forbidden whether by himself or by instructing or encouraging any other person to . . ."

Patent pairing



PROTECTING rights in ideas and inventions is a complicated and expensive process, partly because of the number of different specialists with fingers in the pie. In an effort to simplify the problem for clients, Stephenson Harwood has become the first British firm to acquire a two-partner firm of chartered patent agents and European patent attorneys, TZ Gold & Company. Ludi Lochner, a Stephenson Harwood partner, says: "This is an important milestone. Clients need no longer go to one profession for securing intellectual property rights and to another for the enforcement of those rights." The profession of patent agents is celebrating the centenary of the charter this year. Just in time, it seems, to see it disappear into the law firms.

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The recession has highlighted the importance of a 'following' to a solicitor's position both within his or her firm and in the job-market. I have heard some extraordinary stories of partners being tolerated by fellow partners in spite of their impossible behaviour simply because they continue to bring in the work. Their colleagues, more hard-working, perhaps, and quite as competent, may be made redundant. They, however, remain – as insufferable as ever – secure in the knowledge that if they go their clients go with them. The worse the recession, the more secure they become.

In the job-market, too, the value of a following is now much greater. Vacancies for senior lawyers are no longer plentiful, but senior lawyers with loyal clients worth £200,000 or £300,000 a year will not be short of interviews. A following of £100,000 or less can also be attractive: a kind of modern dowry that helps to pay the salary. There is also the fact that a following confirms a candidate's standing with clients: it is the practitioner's ultimate testimonial.

Estimating the size of a following is always difficult. There are so many variables: the nature of the clientele, the new firm's reputation/location/charge-out rates, divided loyalties to the candidate and the old firm, and the existence of restrictive covenants. Sole practitioners and independent branch offices are best able to assess their followings; least able, are the more junior solicitors in larger firms. But whatever their circumstances, it is clearly in every solicitor's interests, in these cold and calculating times, to foster close relations with clients.

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Closing date: 23rd May.

Initial Interviews will be held on 6th June with final interviews on 24th June.

English Heritage

Talent for numbers adds up to a working formula

If you have a head for figures, solving a company's management problems could be your number, Beryl Dixon reports

What do second world war U-boats, British Rail sandwiches, British Telecom's directory enquiries service and customs officers' efforts against drug smugglers have in common? They have all been the subject of operational research (OR) studies.

Operational research came to prominence during the second world war when its techniques were used to analyse the campaign against U-boats and plan air and sea defences.

Today, career opportunities within the field are increasing and the profession is changing. After the war, OR rapidly became established in manufacturing industry and now it is also used in central and local government, service industries and the financial sector.

Originally emphasising mathematical and statistical analysis, OR now uses a broader range of general management approaches, which are applicable at both strategic and policy levels. It is not surprising that the Operational Research Society says the field is a "significant recruiting ground for senior management talent".

OR practitioners help managers to reach better decisions by providing a research and advisory service. So, of course, do management consultants, accountants and systems analysts, but OR is at the analytical and quantitative end of the management services function, analysing and solving problems through various mathematical and computing techniques.

Forecasting models are used to determine the feasibility of certain courses of action after their accuracy has been tested by comparing them with known data. The end result is often a computer support system that managers can continue to use as circumstances change.

OR scientists are keen to stress, however, that there is much more to it than numbers. "People are at the same time our clients and our sources of information," says Dr John Ranyard, of British Coal.

"We deal with them at all levels, from interviewing staff during a survey to presenting recommendations to senior management."

Steve Halstead, a young graduate with British Airways, says talking to people and winning their confidence is central to what he does.

"There is never any status problem when talking to directors or senior managers because you go in as a consultant with your own expertise," he says.

OR is used in many areas, including transport planning, forecasting sales for a new superstore, manpower planning and stock control. It is used particularly where large-scale problems of logistics are concerned – in oil production, defence planning and large-scale manufacturing, for example.

British Rail has OR teams working on projects that include evaluating InterCity's present methods of stocking buffet cars and the likely impact of the Channel tunnel on freight traffic.

The oil industry is a particularly heavy user of OR techniques, given the logistics of extracting and transporting oil, taking into account such variables as weather, political situations, insurance, shipping and labour costs.

More than 100 organisations recruit OR staff and they range from small consultancies up to British Gas, which has one of the largest OR departments in the country. There is even an initiative known as Community OR, which provides advice to small organisations such as community housing projects.

Most entrants to OR are graduates but, surprisingly, a maths degree is not essential. However, although the profession draws on many disciplines, trainees must be happy working with numbers and computers.

The preferred degree subjects are maths, sciences, economics and business studies, although the exact subject required is at the discretion of employers.

British Rail and British Steel, for example, insist on maths or statistics, as does the Post Office, which also prefers a postgraduate qualification. The civil service and the Ford motor company accept degrees in numerate subjects, while British Coal accepts scientific or technical qualifications.

Training methods also vary with different employers. Some give trainees the opportunity to get an MBA or MSc. All provide in-house training because no OR manager is going to let raw graduates advise senior management unless satisfied with their communication and consultancy skills.

● *For further information, contact the Operational Research Society, Neville House, Waterloo Street, Birmingham B2 5TX.*

STEVE ETHERINGTON



Team player: Christine Pond, a British Coal operational research consultant, likes the responsibility

PROFILE

WITH a degree in managerial science, Christine Pond, aged 23, works in operational research (OR) for British Coal in Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

"I spent a year with them during my sandwich degree course and enjoyed working on projects there so much that I applied to join them when I graduated," she says.

"I operate as a consultant in one of several teams, which provide a service to any of British Coal's departments or collieries. We charge for our service and are in competition with external consultancies, so I am continually promoting our service to British Coal's management.

"I enjoy the early responsibility I have been given and the variety. I am always working on several projects simultaneously."

These have included forecasting the amount of equipment, ranging from coal cutting machinery to conveyor belts, that collieries would need, evaluating the benefits and drawbacks of contracting out canteen services and looking at the effects of new European legislation on the coal industry.

"The people I talk to are as different as the projects – colliery and canteen managers, personnel and training officers, and senior managers," Ms Pond says.

"Quite often a project begins with an informal meeting with a client on site. People tell me what they need and would like, and I go away and work on it."

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH GLAMORGAN
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PROPERTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The County Council has recently formed a comprehensive, service led, Property Services Department to operate on commercial, business lines and wish to make the following key appointments.

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A key group in the Development Division is the new Valuation and Estates Group which will be a small team of experienced professionals dealing with the acquisition and disposal of land and buildings, estate management, small holdings and agricultural estates.

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Application forms are available from and should be returned to:- The Personnel Manager, Property Services Department, South Glamorgan County Council, Bessemer Close, Lecklwith, Cardiff CF1 8XL. Tel. (0222) 237237 ext. 8067/8
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For an informal discussion please contact Keith Neale, County Treasurer, telephone: 0245 431000.

Further details and application form from County Personnel Officer, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LX, telephone 0245 432101. Please quote Post No EX02.

Closing date: 24th May 1991

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Further information and an application form from: The Personnel Section, County Education Department, Castle Street, Worcester, WR1 3AG. Tel: Worcester (0905) 765834.

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Job description and application form from District Personnel Office, District Headquarters, Coed Mawr, Bangor Gwynedd LL57 4TP. Telephone 0248 370025 Ext 277. Closing date 31 May 1991.

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Athletics inspires its own revival in schools

David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, reports on the moves to promote the sport among young people

THE Saturday free offer at Broadmead shopping centre, Bristol, brought a queue of customers. Just outside Olympus Sports, round the corner from C&A, a T-shirt was yours: all you had to do was . . . well, a half-decent standing triple jump.

"Hold my fag while I have a go," you could hear them say. Some tried with their boots on; some in their coats, others fresh out of the hairdresser's. "It was a fun day," Bob Allen, the Midland Counties Athletic Association development officer, said. But a fun day with serious intentions.

"Schools crisis" . . . "Clubs need to go back to schools" . . . Headlines from British athletics magazines 18 months ago, even though athletics had *seemed* less adversely affected that team sports, especially cricket, in these changing times at school. Athletics had, in fact, caught a stitch, winded by declining goodwill among teachers after the introduction of the local management of schools (LMS) system, under which schools became responsible for their own finances, and the Education Reform Act, which regularised teachers' working hours.

Broadmead was a way to fight back. "We did it partly to combat the decline in schools and partly to reach more people," Allen said. "The Linford Christies of this country have raised the profile and we need to cash in on that and allow children to take part."

Vernon Samuels, the Olympic triple jumper, was there to demonstrate and the world-record distance was signposted. "Seventeen metres was halfway across the shopping centre," Allen said. The nearest most punters got was when they were on their way to their next bargain. Yet maybe one or two telephoned a local club when they arrived home.

Broadmead is one example of how people working for athletics in Britain have seen the bar raised and then resolved to clear the new height. Haringey Athletic Club is another: it organises schools cross-country and road-running leagues and has a schools promotions officer. "Years ago, you would have school teachers bringing groups down," Phil Green, a Haringey official, said. "There is not the involvement of school teachers there used to be."

The survey published last November by the Secondary Heads Association recorded a decline in the number of non-specialist physical education teachers willing to help with school sports. So athletics has been helping itself. There are more examples: what used to be separate early-season meetings held by West Midlands schools and Birchfield Harriers have been combined; and Sportshall Athletics has grown into a massive operation.

"I think we have got through the bottom of the trough and are on the up," Allen said. "The situation has forced co-operation between schools and clubs. In my county, Hereford and Worcester, they have had to go to the clubs and ask for help."

Club-aided, the London schools championships are to be revived. "There were not teachers prepared to organise them," Angela Littlewood, the Southern Counties Athletic Association development officer, said.

"Belgrave Harriers have offered officials to help run them. From my understanding, 11 of the 13 inner London boroughs are organising championships, so we are returning to the old pyramid. It is a result of partnerships between clubs, local authorities and schools. I hope the barrier between education and the voluntary sector is down for good."



Littlewood: development



Baldaro: lunch-time runs

Littlewood has sympathy for the teachers. "When hours are put down on contract, there is an unwillingness to go beyond them because there is no recognition for time put in."

As a result, the English Schools Athletic Association (ESAA) had to break its own rule requiring one teacher for every ten athletes at its annual championships. "Some counties arrived short-staffed, but one does not wish to debar children from competing," Neal Dickinson, the ESAA secretary, said.

The effect on schools athletics had been exaggerated, Dickinson said. He refers to the English Schools Cup competition. "This year, we have 701 schools taking part, which is 5.8 per cent higher than last year. In fact, it is the highest we have had since 1982."

However, he admitted to the need for increasing help from clubs and areas. "No one would deny that we are suffering through the problems in education. A number of school midweek leagues have dropped off."

Bud Baldaro is Britain's national cross-country coach and a teacher in Solihull. He offers lunch-time running as an alternative to smoking behind the bicycle sheds. Puffing with Baldaro takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. "I do it because I want to give the school a chance, but what makes me angry is that my kids, in the schools they go to, get no support," Baldaro said.

Yet Baldaro, too, talked of encouraging signs. "Sandwell, an extremely depressed area, has appointed a development officer with a remit to get athletics going again within the borough. It is like the economy – there are signs that we are pulling out of the decline, but there is a long way to go."

Allen guessed there were 50 to 60 athletics development officers across the country. Linking athletics with leisure centres is one under-explored area.

Now, the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) is about to make its presence felt. "What the sport has not done is take any central initiative to make sure our nursery does not dry up," Tony Ward, the BAAB spokesman, said. He praised the Cardiff, Wolverhampton and Sale clubs in particular for responding to the problem, but added: "It is not the duty of the clubs to be running county sport championships." A conference on Thursday will, Littlewood said, "outline some ideas using schemes that are already in place."

The baton has been passed to the government's working group on physical education, chaired by Ian Beer, the headmaster of Harrow School.

Its interim report, published in February, recommended athletic activities as one of six ingredients for a balanced curriculum. "The working party has recognised that the basis of all movement – running, jumping, throwing, walking – is in athletics and we are delighted about that," Littlewood said.

"We have done everything we can to help influence the secretary of state and the working party over the value of athletics. If we are in the national curriculum for PE, there will be an obligation on behalf of teachers to deliver athletics."

So athletics would be back on the shelves, not just filling floor space between Olympus Sport and C&A.

RUGBY UNION

Players' initiative risks rejection by indifferent market

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

IN PUTTING together a promotional package intended to benefit rugby union in general and themselves on a more modest scale, England's national-squad players may find themselves at the mercy of an unenthusiastic market. The announcement last Friday of a campaign to raise £2 million from eight elite sponsors, timed to coincide with the Rugby World Cup in the autumn, comes at a time of recession, when sport generally is finding financial support hard to come by.

In addition, they may find difficulty convincing businesses that they can deliver the necessary exposure at the main rugby venues, although their proposals for a promotional film to be seen in cinemas and on television is, as far as Britain is concerned, a new concept. "I'm constantly surprised by people who put together sponsorship packages without actually talking to potential sponsors, at least to get a feel of the market," Mike Reynolds, chairman of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship, said.

Reynolds is also executive director of public affairs for Courage Ltd, the brewery that sponsors the national club championship and one of the companies that are prime supporters of the Rugby Football Union. The players have already expressed their intention of approaching the RFU's existing sponsors to see if they wish to become "official supporters of the national squad.

However, a brewery would have difficulty if asked to support a campaign directly aimed, as this is, at young people. "It may be that they have spoken to other sponsors but I am not aware of soundings having been taken and when you are trying to put together a package in a short space of time, it's sensible to test the water," Reynolds said. "I think existing sponsors will find additional expenditure hard to justify at this particular time, though whether there are new sponsors available is a matter for conjecture.

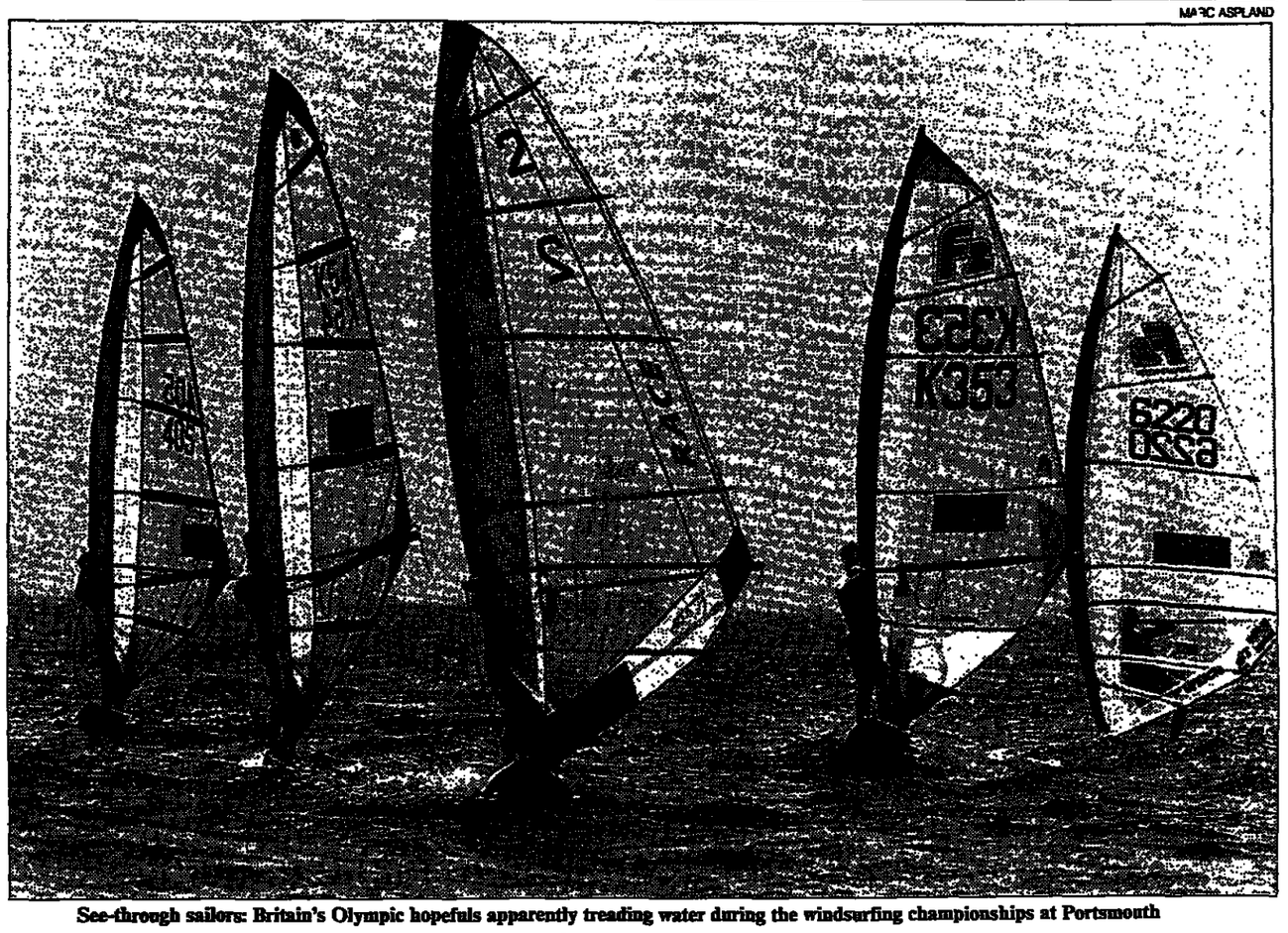
"The players are coming on to the market asking for sums of money [£250,000 per sponsor] which are really quite high at a time when they may find it is not there. They really don't have a long time in which to get it sorted out. They have to balance their needs, and the needs of the game, against the realities of the market place."

Essentially the campaign is being conducted by a specific group of players whose shelf life is limited, perhaps to no more than the next ten months in some cases. However there is considerable enthusiasm from those members of the RFU committee who have been involved in a working party on interpretation of the amateur regulations.

"It's very exciting and very positive," Bob Rogers, the Sussex representative on the RFU committee and a lawyer who helped frame the revised regulations, said. "The players are very enthusiastic about promoting the game which has given them so much pleasure."

Although the proposals were sprung on the majority of the RFU committee at short notice, they have been agreed on, subject to appropriate safeguards and controls being implemented. None the less the feeling exists that the players jumped the gun and that may be reflected tomorrow when the RFU stages its final press briefing of the season.

MARC ASPLAND



See-through sailors: Britain's Olympic hopefuls apparently treading water during the windsurfing championships at Portsmouth

Modern-day witches walk on water

By Malcolm McKeag

IF PENNY Tyler or Alison Claydon had lived 300 years ago and done then what they now do most weekends, they would probably have been burned at the stake. Being blown by the wind across the water while standing on a board which without forward motion would sink under their own weight would have been deemed witchcraft.

In 1991, it is normal behaviour for the hundreds of board sailors competing in the Lamb's Navy windsurfing championship and for the thousands nationwide now committed to this growing sport. The Lamb's competition, with its eight regattas through the summer, and its six-figure sponsorship, has done much to unify a fragmented sport with three national bodies – the Royal Yachting Association, the UK Boardsailing Association and the British Funboard Association – all regarding themselves as governors.

When windsurfing arrived from California in the Seventies, yacht clubs saw the boardsailors as iconoclasts. Advertising on sails, prize-money and paid sailors were all anathema to established yachting. For their part, the sailors regarded the conventional sport as stuffy.

The Lamb's contest, in its second year, has brought together so-called fun boarding, with its trick sailing, wave riding and slalom courses, and the more conventional Olympic discipline where the boards are sailed almost as one-person yachts.

Tyler and Claydon were joint winners last year of the Lamb's women's title and are this year leading on points with five regattas still to race.

Northampton look for Twickenham repeat

NORTHAMPTON, gallant losers to Harlequins in the Pilkington Cup final on Saturday, return to Twickenham this weekend as a guest side in the Middlesex sevens. As they are in the top half of the draw and Harlequins, the holders, are in the bottom, they could meet again (David Hands writes).

It is, though, a strange looking draw with only a second VII from Richmond, the nine-time winners, and no representatives from Wasps, London Welsh or London Irish. Millfield Old Boys, who beat Exeter University and Wasps' second VII in qualifying last weekend, appear for the first time.

DRAW: 12.30: Askeans v Rosslyn Park I; 12.50: Rosslyn Park II v Saracens; 1.10: Loughborough Students v London Scottish; 1.30: Basingstoke v Northampton; 1.50: Edinburgh Academicals v Millfield OB; 2.10: Old Beccehamians v High Wycombe; 2.30: Guildford and Godalming v Harlequins II; 2.50: Richmond II v Harlequins I.

☐ London, the divisional champions who leave on Sunday for their tour of Australia, have had to change both their original selections at hooker: Nick Killick (Harlequins) withdrew and now Stuart Davies, the England under-21 player, misses the visit because of a damaged Achilles tendon. Their places are taken, respectively, by John McFarland (Saracens) and Dave Barnet (Rosslyn Park).

Tour provides a stepping stone

From Alan Lorimer in Vancouver

SCOTLAND have arrived here for what Richie Dixon, the assistant coach, believes will be a difficult tour. "We are resting a number of our international players after two hard seasons of virtually non-stop rugby and that means we have not got a recognised team," he said. "Our immediate task will be to mould together a side from a mixture of capped, B and untried players."

The absence of so many of the five nations' players will create opportunities for the young players to bid for inclusion in the World Cup squad. Among the forwards, Stuart Reid, the Boroughmuir No. 8 who played flanker for Scotland Under-21 against Wales, looks a prospect for promotion, along with the Moseley prop, Graeme Smith.

Behind the scrum, Andy Nicol, the Dundee High School FP scrum half, will be seeking to build on a promising appearance for the B team against France and there must be hopes that Graham Shiel, on his second successive tour, can develop as an inside centre or stand-off half. There is an opportunity for a full back to emerge as cover for Peter Dods, and his younger brother, Mike, is the likely player to be cultivated in that position.

Dixon sees Canada as the biggest threat. "Canada won their World Cup qualifying group and significantly defeated the Pumas in Argentina last summer," he said. Scotland will play Canada in Saint John, New Brunswick, an unlikely venue in preference to British Columbia. Rod Holloway, who coaches British Columbia, said: "Rugby is gaining ground in Newfoundland, Quebec and the Maritimes and this will be important psychologically for them."

Scotland have picked an experienced side containing nine capped players for their opening match tomorrow evening against British Columbia at the Thunderbird Stadium in Vancouver. Duncan Paterson, the team manager, said yesterday: "We expect this to be a difficult game and have selected experienced players in key areas."

SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); A Stanger (Hawick), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville), G Shiel (Melrose), M Monerieff (Gala); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick); G Wilson (Boroughmuir), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), G Smith (Moseley), D Turnbull (Hawick), G Weir (Melrose); A Macdonald (Harlot's), J Amos (Gala), G Marshall (Melrose). Replacements: M Dods (Gala), I Jardine (Stirling County), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP), S Reid (Boroughmuir), D Milne (Heriot's), K Milne (Heriot's).

ITINERARY: Tomorrow: v British Columbia development side, Vancouver; May 11: v Alberta, Edmonton; May 15: v Rugby East, New York; May 18: v United States, Hartford; May 22: v Ontario, Toronto; May 25: v Canada, Saint John, New Brunswick.

Rugby pools mooted

WELSH rugby could be £4 million better off at the close of next season if a pools system starts this summer.

A consortium of South Wales businessmen, headed by Malcolm Jones, a Swansea property consultant, has been granted permission by the Welsh Rugby Union to consider the possibility of a rugby-based pools.

"The system will work if collection and distribution is centred on the clubs," Jones said. "It is not impossible for a club with 100 members to recruit 1,000 people. The club would collect the money, and earn a commission. This could mean additional club income of £5,000 a year. We could base the system on either results, points, or tries."

Accountants are investigating.

ROWING

London feature in finals

By Mike Rosewell
Rowing Correspondent

LONDON University featured in six finals at Wallingford Regatta and its men and women won both the top eights classes. However, the winning men's crew was the university's second eight: the No. 1 squad was absent, concentrating on its preparation for Cologne Regatta next weekend.

A large entry from Oxford colleges promised pointers for summer eights, but Oriel did not impress when losing to Eton in senior two and St John's, with the former blues, Slocock and Thorp, produced better times when losing in open and senior one races. The women's 1990 head crew, Somerville, confirmed its dominance and even pushed London University to its closest verdict in the senior one semi-final before winning senior three.

School superiority seemed to be settled in an early morning senior two heat between Eton and Shrewsbury, when Eton won by two-and-a-half lengths. Subsequent racing aroused some doubts when Shrewsbury, looking more settled, went on to an impressive win in the senior one final over Oxford Polytechnic's first eight, while Eton threw away their senior two chances with a dreadful crab in the final against the Polytechnic's second crew. Pangbourne, third in the schools head, won two events in fours, but had to withdraw their eight after wrecking a boat in a collision with a coaching launch. Gareth Walters, after a break from the sport since junior prominence, was the best sculler of the day.

YACHTING

Racing provides vital edge

From Barry Pickthall in San Diego

AFTER New Zealand and Italy carved up the fleet for the second day in succession in this inaugural world championship for the new 75ft America's Cup-class yachts, one question was being asked in San Diego: can those syndicates yet to test a boat, including the Port Pendennis challenge of Peter de Savary, ever catch up?

Judging from the continued breakages suffered by other challengers, including Dennis Conner and Stars & Stripes, in the 7-10 knot winds on Sunday, it will be an uphill struggle. Conner, whose impressive yacht has led to the first mark in three races during the past week, faltered on the first reaching leg as the crew struggled to overcome the unknown. First, the foreguy snapped for the second day in a row, and then the spinnaker blew out for the fifth time in three days.

Conner recovered to finish fourth, but Tom Widden, Conner's tactician, said: "The reaches are a horror show. We just don't know what shape sails to have for these reaching legs. We know how to get the boat upwind. As soon as we figure out how to get it downwind, we'll be all set."

The concern for the British, Australian and Swedish syndicates still at the planning stages for their campaigns is that they have not even tested the first step on the ladder. While most groups have their spies here, they will go home lacking the vital data gained from months of trialing that now give the New Zealand and Italian crews their race-winning reliability.

RESULTS: Race 2: 1, New Zealand (D Barnes, NZ); 2, Il Moro di Venezia III (P Cayard, It); 3, Il Moro di Venezia 1 (J Kolius, It); 4, Stars & Stripes (D Conner, US); 5, Ville de Paris (M Pajot, Fr); 6, Jayhawk (W Koch, US); 7, Spain '92 (P Campos, Sp); 8, Nippon (C Dickson, Japan); 9, America³ (G Johson, US). Overall: 1, Il Moro di Venezia III, 2.75pts; 2, New Zealand, 3.75; 3, Il Moro di Venezia 1, 5; 4 equal, Stars & Stripes and Ville de Paris, 10; 6, America³, 13; 7, Jayhawk, 18; 8, Spain '92, 17; 9, Nippon, 18.

BASEBALL

Prolific Indians humble Oakland

By Robert Kirley

CHRIS James, of the Cleveland Indians, drove in nine runs, a club record, on Saturday as the Indians beat the Oakland A's 20-6 and stopped the A's six-game winning streak. James, a first baseman, hit a three-run home run in each of the first two innings. On Sunday, the Indians beat the A's 15-6. The two-game total of 35 runs allowed was an Oakland club record.

Lenny Dykstra and Darren Daulton, of the Philadelphia Phillies, were admitted to a Radnor, Pennsylvania, hospital early yesterday after Dykstra's 1991 Mercedes-Benz crashed into two trees. Dykstra had a broken right collarbone, fractured ribs and a fractured cheekbone. Daulton had a scratched cornea. Police said the players were returning home from a team-mate's stag night.

The National League suspended Rob Dibble, the Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher, for four games and fined him an undisclosed sum for throwing a ball into a stand that struck a woman on the elbow at the end of a game nine days ago. He has appealed and is eligible to play pending a hearing.

When Nolan Ryan, of the Texas Rangers, pitched his seventh no-hitter in a 3-0 win against the Toronto Blue Jays, Roberto Alomar was the last batter he faced. Alomar, aged 23, went down swinging, one of 16 strikeouts recorded by Ryan, aged 44. Two decades ago, Ryan was a team-mate of Alomar's father, Sandy Alomar, with the California Angels.

Ryan, the oldest player in the major leagues, said: "When you see people's kids like that, you realise how much time has passed." Not enough to do opposing batters much good, it would seem. Ryan's strikeouts, earned-run average and walks are statistically better in his forties than they were during his twenties or thirties. His fastball still sizzles at 96mph.

Roger Clemens, the highest paid player, returned to action on Friday after serving a five-game suspension that stemmed from a dispute with an umpire in the league championship series last autumn. Clemens pitched the Boston Red Sox past the Chicago White Sox 7-2.

Lee Smith, the St Louis Cardinals relief pitcher, has contributed to 11 of his team's 14 victories with two wins and a league-leading nine saves.

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VOLLEYBALL

Big task awaits Scotland

By Roddy Mackenzie

THE Scotland senior men's team returns to the European championship arena after a 20-year absence this week when they face formidable opposition in their qualifying group in Povaska Bystrica, Czechoslovakia.

Ironically, Scotland's opening match on Thursday is against Czechoslovakia, the nation they faced in their first match of the European championship in 1971. The Soviet Union, who Scotland meet on Friday, are favoured to win the group and Scotland's best chance of success lies in Saturday's final match against Denmark.

It is the Denmark match that will give the Scots some idea of how they are progressing in a British context. The other two nations are at a much higher level, although Tommy Dowens, the Scottish coach, believes his team is capable of posing some tactical questions.

He accepts, however, that his side will face a battering by the Soviet Union, who dominated the European event before the last championships, won by Italy. "It'll be something like a *Rocky* movie – I just hope that we're still standing at the end of it," he said.

Ralph Hippolyte, the Great Britain coach, will be in Czechoslovakia this week as he plans towards the Royal Bank Cup in Birmingham in September, where Britain come up against Canada, Bulgaria and another nation which has yet to be announced. Hippolyte will also travel with the England squad for their European qualifying tournament in Spain next month.

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TENNIS

Graf defeats Seles and her fears to reclaim the throne

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, HAMBURG

OTHER citadels might have fallen, but Steffi Graf remains queen of her own kingdom. She took 25 minutes to finish off Monica Seles 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 and win her fifth successive title in Hamburg yesterday, but it was a task she really ought to have completed 24 hours earlier.

Before rain halted the final at 2-1 in the third set on Sunday, Graf had served for the match three times and missed two match points and the thought that she should have killed it there and then will temper her satisfaction at beating her successor as No. 1 for the second time in the year just three weeks before the French Open.

"Sometimes now on very important points, I find I have no self-confidence," Graf said. "But this victory will help me get that confidence back at the right time and I am now really looking forward to Paris and Wimbledon." That Graf, who had to suffer the indignity of being the No. 2 seed in Hamburg for the first time, should admit to a lack of confidence itself indicates a change of mood.

It did not take a degree in psychology to realise that her confidence had been eroded by Seles and others over the last 18 months, but as her titles were being picked off one by one, Graf blamed everything on her technique, not on her mind.

If recognition of the cause is half the cure, Graf is almost ready to do business again; 12 months ago when she lost to Seles in Berlin and Paris, she wanted to run away.

"I didn't care about Berlin last year and I let the match in Paris slip away. It was why it was so important for me to win here," she said. "Both of us have improved this year." Seles was not so sure. "She's playing the same way but I'm not playing as well from the back court as I was this time last year. I'm also not serving as well as I would like. She could dictate the points," Seles said.

There was also, she added, a "slight chance" she would play in Berlin the week before starting the defence of her French Open title at the end of May. Much depends on how well she plays in the Italian Open in Rome this week. "Last year I was really hanging on the ropes during the French and I don't want to be like that again."

Yesterday, Graf broke decisively in the eighth game, drawing Seles to the net with a drop shot and then passing her on the forehand. Though she began her service game with another double-fault — two in succession had proved costly in the second set — Graf finally summoned enough nerve to beat the Yugoslav on clay for the first time since the semi-final of the French Open two years ago.

Apart from that, there was more to admire off court than on it, notably in the speed with which the delayed Citizen Cup for women became the Panasonic Open for men. Advertising boards were changed, car stickers removed, logos replaced.

But not all logistical problems were solved so neatly. Nick Brown, newly arrived from Warsaw after the Davis Cup triumph by the British against the Poles over the weekend, strode into the men's locker-room only to find it was still the women's.

Zvereva misses open

ROME — The Soviet Union made its mark on the opening day of the Italian Open, both by its presence and the lack of it (Barry Wood writes). Eugenia Maniokova, a qualifier, achieved a comfortable 7-5, 6-1 win over Isabelle Demongeot, of France, while Natalia Zvereva, the No. 10 seed, failed to arrive after she could not obtain an exit visa from the Soviet Union.

There may be nothing sinister to that. Olga Morozova, now coaching at Bisham Abbey, would complain when she accompanied the Soviet players overseas about the policy of the authorities in delaying the issue of visas until the last moment, and it may be that on this occasion that the delay stretched a little too far.

The field, regardless, is one of the strongest assembled this year with Monica Seles defending her title against Gabriela Sabatini, Martina Navratilova, and Jennifer Capriati, among others.

Two matches were decided by final-set tie-breaks yesterday, with Akiko Kijimuta defeating Ann Grossman, and Julie Halard outlasting Magdalena Maleeva.

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BASKETBALL

Derby face a cash deadline

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE Carlsberg League is in danger of losing one of its leading first division clubs. After five years of handouts from directors and minor sponsorship deals with local firms, Derby Rams have promised to fold unless they raise £30,000 by May 31.

Derby's plight is such that the club states that nothing under that sum will suffice. They do not mind how they generate the money, whether it is from personal donations, sponsorship deals or season ticket sales; just as long as they get it. "We've done well but we need help now," Tim Rudge, a director, said. "It will be a shame if we go under because we are one of the stalwarts of the league and I believe that most clubs enjoy coming to us."

The beaten semi-finalists in the Coca-Cola Cup in 1989-90, Derby finished last season in their highest league position of fifth. They have the league's leading scorer in Ernest Lee and a respected player/coach in his American compatriot, Nick Nurse, both of whom are keen to return next season if Derby survive. "They all want to come back even though they've been paid very little," Rudge said.

One solution for Derby would have been to follow Solent's example last season and drop down the league. Solent voluntarily descended to the fourth division and have started the haul back without Americans. Rudge is against Derby making such a move. "For once we want to be able to compete properly by signing good players in the close season," he said.

"Until now, we have been very committed amateurs but now we want to give our players the kind of decent salaries they've never had before. Some people in the city have got to put their hands in their pockets or we will cease to exist."

☐ Nigel Roden has resigned as a director of Manchester Giants. A founder member in 1973, Roden intends to continue as company secretary of the Basketball League.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Sampdoria keep their cool

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE tension had been building for weeks, and when Internazionale finally met Sampdoria in the San Siro stadium, it got the better of the Milanese. On the field, Inter lost 2-0 to their visitors from Genoa, virtually conceding the Italian league championship in the process, while on the terraces, their frustrated supporters rioted.

The sendings-off of Bergomi, of Inter, and Mancini, of Sampdoria, as fighting broke out among the players just before half-time, further heated the pressure-cooker atmosphere, and inevitably the situation boiled over. During the second half, disgruntled Inter supporters pelted the pitch with missiles and flares, injuring the Sampdoria goalkeeper, Pagliuca, and play was halted for five minutes as police moved in to quell the trouble-makers.

Yet if the violence was intended to upset Sampdoria, it failed. Pagliuca made a number of breath-taking saves, including one from a second-half Matthäus penalty. Dossena, with a 20-yard drive after 60 minutes, and Vialli, with an individual effort after 75, scored the goals that put Genoa's second club within sight of its first Italian title. Sampdoria need three points from their three remaining matches to hold off the challenges of Inter, who are third in the table, and AC Milan, second.

A new era for the United States under the managership of Bora Milutinović began with a 1-0 victory over Uruguay in Denver. The result was encouraging, as was the attendance of 35,772 in the Mile High Stadium, the home of the Denver Broncos American football team. It was the third largest crowd to watch a "soccer" game outside of the Olympics in the United States. A goal by Vermes separated the sides.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINE: Independiente 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 1; Chaco for Ever 2, Union 2; River Plate 0, Huracan 0; Rosario Central 2, Argentinos Juniors 1; Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 0, Platense 0; Ferro Carril Oeste 0, San Lorenzo de Almagro 0; Velez Sarsfield 3, Newell's Old Boys 1; Deportivo Español 0, Boca Juniors 1; Lanus 0, Deportivo Mandiyu 0; Talleres 1, Racing Club 1. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, 18pts; 2, Racing Club, 16; 3, Deportivo Mandiyu, 15.

AUSTRIAN: Austria Salzburg 5, SK Vorwärts Steyr 0; Sturm Graz 3, Rapid Wien 1; FC Swarovski Tirol 3, Admira Wacker 1; Austria Wien 0, DSV Alpine 1. Leading positions (31 matches): 1, FC Swarovski Tirol, 30pts; 2, Austria Wien, 29; 3, Sturm Graz, 27.

BELGIAN: Lokeren 2, FC Liége 0; Molenbeek 5, Kortrijk 0; Waregem 0, Anderlecht 2; Cercle Bruges 0, St Truiden 4; Mechelen 1, Ghent 0; Beerschot 0, Standard Liége 0, Lierse 0; Charleroi 1, Club Bruges 1; Genk 2, RSC Antwerp 0. Leading positions (31 matches): 1, Anderlecht, 50pts; 2, Mechelen, 46, 3, Ghent, 43.

BRAZILIAN: Portuguesa 1, Fluminense 2; Palmeiras 0, Bragantino 2; São Paulo 1, Botafogo 0; Atlético Paranaense 3, Vitoria 1; Flamengo 2, Corinthians 3; Nautico 0, Vasco da Gama 0; Bahia 1, Internacional/Rio Grande do Sul 1; Gremio 0, Cruzeiro Mineiro 0; Goias 3, Sport 1. Leading positions: 1, São Paulo, played 17, 24pts; 2, Bragantino, 17, 22; 3, Atlético Mineiro, 16, 21.

DUTCH: Ajax 4, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; Vitesse Arnhem 1, PSV Eindhoven 1; FC Groningen 1, Volendam 0; Sparta Rotterdam 0, RKC Waalwijk 0; SVV Schiedam 1, SC Heerenveen 2; Willem II 0, MVV Maastricht 1; FC Twente Enschede 1, FC Utrecht 1; FC Den Haag 0, Feyenoord 2; Fortuna Sittard 3, NEC Nijmegen 1. Leading positions (28 matches): 1, PSV Eindhoven, 44pts; 2, Ajax, 43; 3, FC Groningen, 40.

FRENCH: Bordeaux 1, Montpellier 0; Caen 2, Nice 1; Lille 1, Lyons 1; Marseilles 3, Toulon 3; Metz 2, Sochaux 2; Monaco 5, Brest 0; Nantes 2, Auxerre 3; St Etienne 1, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Toulouse 2, Rennes 0; Cherbourg 1, Nancy 0. Leading positions (35 matches): 1, Marseilles, 50pts; 2, Monaco, 48; 3, Auxerre, 45.

GERMAN: Bundesliga (West): FC Cologne 3, FC Nürnberg 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 5, Hertha Berlin 1; Fortuna Düsseldorf 0, VfB Stuttgart 4; Werder Bremen 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Dortmund 2, SC Wattenscheid 2; Kaiserslautern 3, Karlsruhe 2; VfL Bochum 3, St Pauli 0; Hamburger SV 2, Bayern Munich 3. Leading positions (28 matches): 1, Kaiserslautern, 40pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 36; 3, Werder Bremen, 36. Oberliga (East): Hansa Rostock 3, Dynamo Dresden 1; Berlin 1, Sachsen Leipzig 1; Stahl Brandenburg 2, Chemie Halle 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 1, Chemnitz 2; Eisenhuettenstadt 3, Viktoria 91 Frankfurt 0; Lokomotiv Leipzig 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; FC Magdeburg 5, Energie Cottbus 1. Leading positions (23 matches): 1, Hansa Rostock, 34pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden, 27; 3, Rot-Weiss Erfurt, 26.

GREEK: Larissa 2, OFI Crete 0; Olympiakos 0, Iraklis 0; Serres 1, Panathinaikos 3; Panachaikos 2, Doxa Dramas 1; Levadeiakos 2, Panionios 1; Apollon 0, AEK Athens 5; Athinaikos 1, Ymmina 2; PAOK Salonika 2, Xanthi 0; Aris Salonika 2, Ionikos 1. Leading positions (30 matches): 1, Panathinaikos, 48pts; 2, Olympiakos, 42 (Olympiakos penalised 2pts); 3, AEK Athens, 38.

HUNGARIAN: Debreceni MVSC 0, Pecsi Munkas 0; Békéscsaba 2, Videoton-Waldmann 4, Volan FC 1, Vasas Budapest 1; Tatabánya 0, Honved 0; Szeged 2, Siótok 0; Ferencvaros 0, Vác Izzó MTE 0; Veszprem 0, Raba Gyor ETO 1; UTE 3, MTK-VM 2. Leading positions (24 matches): 1, Honved, 36pts; 2, Ferencvaros, 34; 3, Vác Izzó MTE, 32.

ITALIAN: Bari 1, Lecce 1; Bologna 1, Fiorentina 1; Genoa 2, Cagliari 2; Internazionale 0, Sampdoria 2; Juventus 0, Milan 3; Napoli 1, Cesena 0; Parma 0, Torino 0; Pisa 0, Lazio 1; AS Roma 2, Atalanta 1. Leading positions (31 matches): 1, Sampdoria, 47pts; 2, Milan, 43; 3, Internazionale, 42.

POLISH: Zagleble Lubin 3, Wisla Krakow 1; Olimpia Poznan 1, Gornik Zebrze 2; Ruch Chorzow 0, Legia Warsaw 1; Stal Mielec 2, GKS Katowice 2; Hutnik Krakow 2, Lech Poznan 3; Zagleble Sosnowiec 0, Ijicopol Debica 1; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2, LKS Lodz 0. Leading positions (22 matches): 1, Zagleble Lubin, 31pts; 2, Wisla Kraków, 29; 3, GKS Katowice, 29.

PORTUGUESE: CS Maritimo 1, Porto 2; Vitoria Guimaraes 0, Sporting Braga 0; Belenenses 0, Uniao da Madeira 1; Farense 3, Estrela da Amadora 0; Boavista 4, Nacional da Madeira 0, Salgueiros 1, Vitoria Setubal 0; Penafiel 0, Famalicão 0; Gil Vicente 2, Chaves 2; Beira Mar 3, Tirsense 2; Benfica 1, Sporting Lisbon 1. Leading positions (35 matches): 1, Benfica, 53pts; 2, Porto, 61; 3, Sporting Lisbon, 51.

ROMANIAN: Steaua Bucharest 1, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Progresul Braila 2, Farul Constanta 1; Universitatea Craiova 3, Rapid Bucharest 1; FCM Brasov 2, Gloria Bistrita 1; Bihor 3, Universitatea Cluj 1; Corvinul Hunedoara 1, Politehnica Timisoara 0; Sportul Studentesc 3, SC Bacau 1; Petrolul Ploiesti 1, Arges Pitesti 1; Inter Sibiu 3, Jiul Petrosani 2. Leading positions (26 matches): 1, Universitatea Craiova, 39pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 36; 3, Dinamo Bucharest, 32.

SPANISH: Real Burgos 1, Seville 1; Castellón 0, Real Mallorca 1; Barcelona 2, Real Zaragoza 1; Atlético Madrid 0, Cádiz 0; Sporting Gijon 2, Real Sociedad 1; Osasuna 1, Logroñés 1; Athletic Bilbao 2, Real Oviedo 1; Tenerife 0, Real Madrid 1; Real Valladolid 2, Español 0; Real Betis 2, Velencia 2. Leading positions (33 matches): 1, Barcelona, 54pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 45pts; 3, Osasuna, 38.

SWEDISH: Djurgaarden 1, Halmstads BK 1; GAIS Gothenburg 0, Malmö FF 1; GIF Sundsvall 0, AIK Stockholm 3; IFK Norrköping 0, Örebro SK 2; Östers IF 2, IFK Gothenburg 2. Leading positions (8 matches): 1, Örebro SK, 13pts; 2, IFK Gothenburg, 12; 3, AIK Stockholm, 12.

SWISS: Neuchâtel Xâmax 2, Lucarne 0; Servette 1, Grasshopper Zürich 5; FC Sion 1, BSC Young Boys 1; Lugano 0, Lausanne 1. Leading positions (8 matches, aggregate points include halved points from qualifying phase): 1, FC Sion, 24pts; 2, Grasshopper Zürich, 24; 3, Neuchâtel Xâmax, 23.

TURKISH: Galatasaray 4, Fenerbahçe 1; Trabzonspor 0, Ankaragücü 1; Besiktas 1, Sariyer 0; Bursaspor 0, Zeytinburnuspor 1; Bakirkoyspor 3, Boluspor 1; Adanaspor 2, Aydinspor 2; Karsiyaka 0, Konyaspor 1; Gençlerbirligi 2, Gaziantepspor 2. Leading positions (28 matches): 1, Besiktas, 65pts; 2, Galatasaray, 61; 3, Trabzonspor, 49.

YUGOSLAV: Zemun 1, Red Star Belgrade 3; Partizan Belgrade 0, Rad Belgrade 0 (Partizan won 5-4 on pens); Dinamo Zagreb 3, Spartak Subotica 1; Sarajevo 1, Volvodina Novi Sad 0; Borac Banja Luka 2, Proleter Zrenjanin 0; Rijeka 3, Radnicki Nis 0; Velez Mostar 1, Zeljeznicar 1 (Zeljeznicar won 5-4 on pens); Buducnost Titograd 1, Olimpija Ljubliana 1 (Olimpija won 4-2 on pens). Leading positions: 1, Red Star Belgrade, played 30, 46pts; 2, Partizan Belgrade, 29, 34; 3, Dinamo Zagreb, 29, 34.



Lord Derby's Madonetta gets her trainer Roger Charlton off the mark for the season by winning at Kempton Park yesterday

Piggott takes starring role again on St Ninian

ST NINIAN and Lester Piggott gave the North a success for the first time in more than 25 years in yesterday's Kempton Park feature, the £30,000 Jubilee Handicap.

Heavily backed from 3-1 to 9-4 favourite, the Yorkshire challenger confirmed his Newbury Spring Cup superiority over Roseate Lodge when again trouncing that rival.

Piggott suddenly quickened the tempo two furlongs from home, took a peep over his shoulder, and was happy to see rivals toiling.

Although Roseate Lodge and Walter Swinburn came with a late thrust, Piggott was always in control, and St Ninian won by three-quarters of a length.

St Ninian was bred and is owned by Lady Murless, widow of Sir Noel, to whom Piggott was stable jockey for many glorious years.

"I hope my daughter correctly videoed the race this time," smiled Lady Murless. "She had the recorder set on the wrong channel when St Ninian won at Newbury."

After two such clear-cut victories in valuable handicaps, St Ninian is unlikely to be shown much mercy in similar events, so Lady Murless suggested to his trainer Peter Easterby that they go in search of a prize on the continent. "But he said it would be too expensive to go overseas," added the owner.

Piggott went on to complete a double on the Bill Stubbs-trained El Yasaf, 13-2 winner of the Appledore Handicap.

The Swinburn family is planning an Italian Oaks raid for its pride and joy, Possessive Dancer, who kept her unbeaten record with a victory in the L & F Management Handicap.

Ridden by Walter Swinburn, the talented filly is owned by his mother Doreen, and was bred by father Wally at the family's Genesis Green Stud near Newmarket.

With this impressive success under top-weight to her credit, the family intends taking Possessive Dancer to Milan in less than two weeks for the Oaks d'Italia.

"She is a lovely filly, and the best we have bred at our stud so far, said Swinburn senior. "Provided she comes out of this race well, we'll go to Italy."

Although this handicap was well short of European classic form, the 4-1 favourite won easily enough. Striding ahead a furlong out, she went on to score by two lengths from Joli's Great, who was receiving more than a stone.

John Gosden has no ambitious plans just yet for Satin Flower who justified strong market confidence on her racecourse debut in the Syon Park Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Eased by Steve Cauthen before the line, Satin Flower, backed from 3-1 to 5-2, still finished two-and-a-half lengths clear of the Queen's 7-4 favourite Wily Trick.

Gosden had been confident his filly would put up a good performance, and said: "She has been working consistently well at home. She is a little highly strung, and I'll take it step by step with her."

Roger Charlton was relieved to get on the score sheet after his 14-1 chance Madonetta gave the Beckhampton trainer a belated first winner of the season in the Skylark Fillies' Stakes.

Charlton's recently-appointed assistant, Julian Smyth-Osborne, said: "The recent cold spell knocked our horses back in condition, so we've had only a few runners."

Madonetta is the only horse Lord Derby has in training at the moment with Charlton. The filly was bred by Lady Derby.

Lester Piggott, who had been originally down to ride Cooley's Valve, missed out on a 25-1 winner and his own treble when Dale Gibson took the mount on the Barry Hills-trained three-year-old.

The Pennine Walk colt stayed on strongly to capture the Windsor Park Maiden Stakes by two lengths from Stylish Senor.

☐ The Haydock clerk of the course Philip Arkwright is confident that the two-day Flat fixture planned on May 24 - 25 can be staged. Lack of grass forced the Flat meeting on Saturday to be abandoned, but Ron Barry, northern inspector of courses, said: "The grass has improved and I am very hopeful that the next Flat meeting will go ahead as scheduled."

Winnie The Witch proves bargain buy

WINNIE The Witch, surprise winner of the County Hurdle at Cheltenham in March, landed another big handicap prize at Haydock Park yesterday when outpacing Bounden Duty on the run-in to capture the £27,400 Swinton Insurance Trophy.

The seven-year-old mare, a bargain buy at 4,300 guineas, has now given Ken Bridgwater his two most valuable successes in 20 years as a trainer.

Ridden by David Bridgwater, the trainer's 20-year-old son, Winnie The Witch was lying only sixth at the second last where Bounden Duty was making the best of his way home.

Winnie the Witch quickened smoothly into second at the last flight and, halfway up the run-in, went into overdrive to score by one-and-a-half lengths from the Pulborough challenger with Middfielder third.

Bridgwater senior, on duty closer to home at Warwick, has worked his own brand of magic with Winnie The Witch, whom he claimed out of a selling race at Leicester three years ago after she had finished last of three.

Peter Scudamore completed a double for Martin Pipe on Sweet N' Twenty and Leading Role, putting him on the 122-winner mark for the season.

The champion jockey had Sweet N' Twenty swinging along in front from the start in the Harvey Lane Handicap Hurdle and injected a burst of pace on the far side which took her clear of her rivals. The 5-2 favourite was eased to a walk at the finish but still won by three-and-a-half lengths from Threeoutoffour.

Leading Role repeated the pillar-to-post tactics in the Manchester Claiming Hurdle, not being unduly troubled in getting the better of Rostherne by five lengths.

Richard Holder provided another West Country victory when Belafonte, a 7-2 chance, took the Taylor Made Sports Handicap Hurdle.

Belafonte prefers his own company and Nicky Mann kept him alone in the centre of the track as he challenged Scudamore on Haitham at the final flight. Haitham pecked on landing and Belafonte forged clear for a four-length victory.

Polar Region outstayed Arctic Oats to land the Penny Lane Novices' Handicap Hurdle by three-and-a-half lengths and Jimmy Fitzgerald is considering running the gelding again quickly as he saw out the three miles so well.

Nadiad, whose pedigree would not be out of place in the Derby, has now found his level and took the Trafford Park Novices' Hurdle by two lengths.

Ginger McCain, who trains the Darshaan gelding, said: "He is a lovely big horse, who has schooled well over fences, and is going to get better as he gets older."

☐ Richard Dunwoody profited from his decision to switch from Haydock to Southwell yesterday. His intended mounts at Haydock drew a blank but he partnered two winners at Southwell, Dr Rocket and Parsons Green, to remain four adrift of Scudamore on the 118 mark.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TEN MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.10 (6f) 1, MADONETTA (W R Swinburn, 14-1); 2, Corn Futures (J Reid, 6-1); 3, Sealand (L Piggott, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Come On My Girl, Fay's Song (4th), 9-2 Orlanbra (6th), 12 Idol Mix, 14 Sure Victory (5th), 25 Pentridge, 33 None Go By. 10 ran. 2½l, 3½l, 1½l, 6l, ¾l, R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £12.50; £3.00, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £43.50. CSF: £88.60. 1min 18.45sec.

2.40 (1m) 1, SATIN FLOWER (S Cauthen, 5-2); 2, Wily Trick (W R Swinburn, 7-4 fav); 3, Border Mate (L Dettori, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 12 La Stravaganza (4th), 14 Over (5th), 20 Super Delight, 25 Winter Pearl, 33 Clavier Queen, Sarah-Clare, 50 Hapburn (6th), Ice Ice Baby, Intricacy, Irish Impulse, Lady Kalliste, Offshore Tryst, Peggotty, Tugra. 17 ran. NR: Litmore Dancer. 2½l, 2½l, 2l, 1½l, Sir J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.80.

3.10 (1m 1f) 1, POSSESSIVE DANCER (W R Swinburn, 4-1 fav); 2, Joli's Great (W Carson, 13-2); 3, Dahlawise (N Day, 12-1); 4, Double Echo (L Dettori, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7 El Dominio, 8 Oak Park, 10 No Sid No Stars, 14 Catundra, 16 Maggie Siddons, Linchmere Lad, Scared Stiff (5th), 20 Hold Court (6th), 25 Piping Hot, Scenic Dancer, La Perset, 33 Air Time, Mai Pen Rai, Barbery Reef, Keen Vision, Classic Account. 20 ran. 2l, 3½l, Sl, 3l, 1l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £1.40, £2.50, £2.80. DF: £7.80. CSF: £29.87. Tricast: £269.90. 1min 58.64sec.

3.40 (1m) 1, ST NINIAN (L Piggott, 9-4 fav; Marcolin's A Michael Seed's nap); 2, Roseate Lodge (W R Swinburn, 13-2); 3, Breezed Well (M Roberts, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Live Action, 9 Absonel (6th), Jungle Knife (4th), 10 Bournville, 16 Lucky Guest, Akimbo, 20 Double Entendre, 25 Alhujarah, 33 La Domaine (5th). 12 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 2½l, 3½l, hd. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.30. £7.00. DF: £7.10. CSF: £16.85. Tricast: £346.84. 1min 43.80sec.

4.10 (5f) 1, EL YASAF (L Piggott, 13-2); 2, Shades Of Jade (N Carlisle, 33-1); 3, Banbury Flyer (W R Swinburn, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Medaille D'Or (6th), 8 Sacqua, Pretty Poppy, 10 Mystery Cargo (4th), 12 Sporta Post Lady, 14 L'Etia, Garth, 20 Cam Maire, Lindfield Belle, Mushy Boff, Castcsareawey (5th). 14 ran. 1l, 1½l, ¾l, hd, sh hd. R Stubbs at Newmarket. Tote: £11.60; £3.10, £12.60, £1.70. DF: £348.00. CSF: £177.98. Tricast: £810.70. 1min 02.95sec.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, CHIEFS BABU (A Shoults, 20-1); 2, Zealous Kitzan (N Adams, 4-1); 3, Tactical Mission (T McLaughlin, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Cixi, 9-2 Sno Marque (4th), 15-2 Lime Sit Nightmear (5th), 10 Satin Lover, 12 Fast Run (6th), 20 Prince Of Rock, 25 Last Crusade, 33 Freight Car, Kicked Out, Daisy Grey. 13 ran. 1½l, 3l, hd, 6l, 4l. S Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £24.20; £5.20, £1.90, £4.80. DF: £73.90. CSF: £93.98. 2min 42.62sec.

5.10 (1m) 1, COOLEY'S VALVE (Dale Gibson, 25-1); 2, Stylish Senor (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, Jurz (N Carlisle, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Revit (4th), Turbulent River, 7 Silpad, 10 Charlo (6th), 14 Cru Exceptional, Pickles, Secret Silence, 20 Flying Down To Rio, 25 Flahn' Tackle, Loudest Whisper, Luckram Dreamer (5th), Shoofe, 33 Talent, 50 Foreign Assignment, Playawyyat, Yimkin Books, Zeagil. 20 ran. 2l, 2l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l, 8 Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £26.30; £7.30, £3.20, £4.20. DF: £83.50. CSF: £222.60. 1min 44.91sec.

Jackpot: not won (Pool of £16,483.20 carried forward to Chester today).

Placepot: £265.08.

Haydock Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SWEET N' TWENTY (P Scudamore, 5-2 fav); 2, Threeoutoffour (M Brennan, 10-1); 3, Holy Joe (J Osborne, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Ninestuv (4th), 3 Southover Lad (5th), 11 Cash Is King (pu), 12 Smart Performer (pu), 7 ran. NR: Villa Recca, Hey Cottage. 3½l, nk, 11½l, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.10; £2.00, £2.90. DF: £10.40. CSF: £24.82. Tricast: £126.45.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, BELAFONTE (N Mann, 7-2); 2, Haitham (P Scudamore, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, Haroon (J Osborne, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav All Welcome (5th), 8 San Pier Nicelo (4th), 14 Pinecone Peter (6th). 8 ran. 4l, 10l, 1½l, 3l, 10l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £4.70; £2.40, £1.50. DF: £8.20. CSF: £11.70.

3.05 (2m hdle) 1, WINNIE THE WITCH (D Bridgwater, 8-1); 2, Bounden Duty (M Perrett, 8-1); 3, Midfielder (M Bowlby, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Fragrant Dawn (4th), 6 Peanuts Pet (5th), 9 Ivors Guest, 10 Stratford Ponde, Windbound Lass (f), 11 Stata Jester (6th), 16 Cos, 33 Love Anew, 66 Deb's Ball. 12 ran. NR: Star Season, Ovaston, Deadly Charm. 1½l, ½l, 1½l, 4l, 2½l. K Bridgwater at Lapworth. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £50.10. CSF: £70.61. Tricast: £301.69.

3.35 (3m hdle) 1, POLAR REGION (M Dwyer, 100-30); 2, Arctic Oats (Ger Lyons, 9-1); 3, Kirkdean Rock (A Nixon, 33-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Takemethere (4th), 100-30 Classic Statement (5 11 2 J Osborne) 5th, 5 ran. NR: Bolsney Boy, Mandalay Prince. 31½l, 12l, 2½l, 6l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Melton. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £2.30. DF:: £13.00. CSF: £24.12.

4.05 (2m 6f hdle) 1, LEADING ROLE (P Scudamore, 8-15 fav); 2, Rostherne (M Dwyer, 7-2); 3, North Hollow (Mr D McCain, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tranquil Waters (pu), 33 African Safari (4th). 5 ran. 5l, 9l, 12l, M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.73.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, NADIAD (Mr D McCain, 5-6 fav); 2, Extravaganza Point (P Scudamore, 3-1); 3, Still Surprised (S Turner, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Capricorn King (6th), 14 Awkwa (4th), 16 Golden Delia, 20 Boston Rover (5th), 50 South Stack. 8 ran. 2l, 10l, 2½l, 2½l, 1½l. D McCain at Cholmondeley. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.30. £2.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.00.

Placepot: £81.70.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Chateau Nord (J Carroll, 7-1); 2, Aegean Lady (14-1); 3, Bridle Talk (3-1). Thornton Gate 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, nk, J Berry. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £5.70, £1.60. DF: £69.80. CSF: £101.18.

2.50 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, Mallottle (J Lowe, 5-1); 2, Vague Dancer (5-4 fav); 3, Jaimusique (6-1). 8 ran. ¾l, 3l. Mrs G Reveley Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £5.30. CSF: £12.24 Tricast: £37.50.

3.20 (7f) 1, Fizz Time (Dean McKeown, 15-2); 2, Northern Rising (5-2 fav); 3, Kunst Queen (5-1). 19 ran. 1½l, Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £7.10; £2.40, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £9.90 CSF: £29.90. Waiset (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

3.55 (1m) 1, Doctor Roy (S Webster, 10-1); 2, Ricston North (7-2); 3, Chloes Diamond (12-1). Arabian King 11-10 fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, 2l. N Bycroft. Tote: £16.30; £3.70, £1.70. DF: £30.00. CSF: £48.21.

4.25 (2m 110yd) 1, Cost Effective (S Maloney, 14-1); 2, Bean Boy (9-1); 3, Seldom In (8-1); 4, Cosmic Ray (9-1). Demolos, Rajanpour 4-1 jt-favs. 17 ran. 1½l, ¾l, hd Britten. Tote: £20.00; £2.60, £1.70, £2.10, £3.60. DF: £59.80. CSF: £140.82. Tricast: £1,014.16.

4.55 (1m 4f) 1, Chief Celebrity (K Darley, 7-1); 2, Boomerang (10-11 fav); 3, Sniggsmad (20-1). 10 ran. Sl, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £14.73.

5.25 (5f) 1, Singing Star (S Webster, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Samsolom (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Sigama (20-1); 4, Languedoc (16-1). The Shanahan Boy 6-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Welsh Secret. Nk, hd, J Balding. Tote: £9.30; £1.80, £2.10, £6.60, £5.20. DF: £18.50. CSF: £45.12. Tricast: £659.73.

Placepot: £83.70.

Warwick

Going: good to firm

1.45 (1m) 1, Rise Over (T Marsden, 33-1); 2, Persian Dynasty (20-1); 3, Les Amis (8-1); 4, De La Billiere (20-1). Threshfield 9-2 fav. 25 ran. 3½l, nk. K White. Tote: £114.20; £22.90, £2.80, £2.90, £2.40. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £8.50. CSF: £575.96. Tricast: £5,162.52.

2.15 (7f) 1, Wsorn (G Duffield, 10-1); 2, Conquista (16-1); 3, Arogoto (10-1). Second Adventure 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 1l, 1½l. M O'Neill. Tote: £14.60; £2.80, £6.80, £2.00. DF: £272.10. CSF: £166.68. Tricast: £730.92.

2.45 (1m) 1, Fly To The Moon (W Ryan, 3-1; Newmarket Connection's nap); 2, Dizzy (8-1); 3, Magnificent Star (4-5 fav). 16 ran. 1l, 2l. R Cecil. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £2.60, £1.50. DF: £24.00. CSF: £34.97.

3.15 (1m 4f 52yd) 1, Chekalak (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Miners Law (11-2); 3, Blushing Belle (3-1). 13 ran. ¾l, ¾l. S Dow. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £10.00. CSF: £15.84. Tricast: 34.38.

3.45 (5f) 1, Prince Bergerac (T Williams, 7-1); 2, Ma'r Larkin (6-5 fav); 3, Slight Risk (8-1). 10 ran. Nk, 2l. W Carter. Tote: £16.90; £2.90, £1.20, £2.30. DF: £9.80. CSF: £15.48.

4.15 (7f) 1, Chatain (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Akkazao (8-1); 3, Miss Cookie (6-1). Chief Ornament 3-1 fav. 18 ran. 1l, ¾l. R Charlton. Tote: £5.60; £2.70, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £31.80. CSF: £40.57. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (1m 2f 170yd) 1, Busted Rock (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Glenasow (20-1); 3, Bighaysr (11-1); 4, Petavious (15-2). Here He Comes 4-1 fav. 20 ran. 3l, hd. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £7.70; £2.00, £4.50, £5.10, £2.60. DF: £247.00. CSF: £103.20. Tricast: £1,081.76.

Placepot: £108.20.

Southwell

Going: good (chase course); standard (hurdles)

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Dr Rocket (R Dunwoody, 9-4); 2, Island Jetsetter (8-11 fav); 3, Strangely Quiet (50-1). 5 ran. 10l, 4l. R Dickin. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.41

3.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Half Brother (B de Haan, 9-2); 2, Good Tonic (4-1); 3, Outlaw (20-1). John O'Dee 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 5l, 8l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £17.30. CSF: £22.39. Tricast: £301.91.

3.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Parsons Green (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Parsons Law (5-2); 3, Prairie Storm (6-1). 7 ran. 10l, 15l. N Henderson. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.87.

4.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Cosmic Dancer (S Woods, Evens fav); 2, The Lighter Side (14-1); 3, Vestel Hills (7-2). 7 ran. 1½l, 2l. A Hide. Tote: £2.50; £1

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France's Toulon to capture Vase

AS THE search for a possible winner of this season's Derby continues, the spotlight focuses on the Dalham Chester Vase today.

You have to cast back ten and 11 years to recall Shergar and Henbit, the last winners of this trial to go on to achieve greater fame and fortune at Epsom.

However, as it has been also won by horses of the calibre of Law Society (Irish Derby), Old Vic (French and Irish Derby) and Belmez (King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes) since then, it clearly retains its value as an overall guide.

Furthermore, it was last year's Derby winner, Quest For Fame, who took second place behind Belmez on the corresponding occasion on the Roodeye 12 months ago.

Although today's field of six includes Peking Opera, who is currently disputing Derby favouritism with Saturday's 2,000 Guineas winner Mystiko, arguably the most interesting aspect of the race is Andre Fabre's decision to send Toulon from France.

Being by Top Ville out of a mare by Mill Reef, respectively the winners of the French and English Derbys, Toulon certainly has the right pedigree for the job.

As far as ability is concerned, his third behind Suave Dancer and Beau Sultan in the Prix Greffulhe could also be good enough in this company.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

What can be taken for granted is the fact that a trainer so talented as Fabre would not have sent Toulon on the long and expensive journey to Chester from Chantilly unless he was more than hopeful of a successful outcome.

So Toulon is my nap with Pat Eddery in the saddle.

After Peking Opera had beaten Circus Light by ten lengths over today's trip at Kempton last month, his trainer Michael Stoute remarked that he continues to be surprised by Sheikh Mohammed Sadler's Wells colt, who shows him so little at home.

My feeling about that Kempton race is that Peking Opera could well have been flattered by the winning margin because it was run at a suicidal pace with the other four runners going so fast early on that they contrived to cut one another's throats.

For Bravefoot, who is the son of that high-class stallion Dancing Brave, this is an important test in public since it is his first race since he trailed in last in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster last September after being doped.

At Sandown recently, his stable and galloping companion Jahafil failed to set the place alight when finishing only third in the classic trial there, beaten four lengths.

While conceding that Barkerville will be hard to beat in the Grabwall Manor Hotel Maiden Stakes if he has improved since that run behind Environment Friend at Newmarket last autumn, I still prefer the Barry Hills-trained filly Llangollen, who ran with equal promise behind Umniyatee at Newbury last month.

The way that the Reg Akehurst-trained five-year-old Sky Cloud landed the Victoria Cup at Ascot last Wednesday more than suggested that he should be quite capable of defying his penalty in the Tote Credit Trophy.

CHESTER

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Tino Pere.	2.15 Tino Tere.	2.45 BARKERVILLE (nap).
2.45 Llangollen.	2.45 Barkerville.	3.15 Peking Opera.
3.15 TOULON (nap).	3.15 Bravefoot.	3.45 Sky Cloud.
3.45 Sky Cloud.	3.45 Sky Cloud.	4.15 Sinclair Boy.
4.15 Sinclair Boy.	4.15 Sinclair Boy.	4.45 Racketeer.
4.45 Racketeer.	4.45 RACKETEER (nap).	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 BARKERVILLE (nap). 3.15 Peking Opera. 3.45 Dorset Duke.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 PEKING OPERA.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.15 LILY AGNES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,452: 5f) (6 runners)

101	(1)	13	CHADLEIGH HOUSE 13 (D,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	97
102	(5)		RUNNING FOR COVER (R Griffin) J J O'Neill 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
103	(6)	21	TINO TERE 10 (D,F) (P Hilton) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	● 99
104	(2)	1	TITCH WIZARD 24 (D,F) (N Morris) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	93
105	(4)	1	ZINOVIA 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Costello) K Prendergast (Ire) 8-11	R Griffiths	96
106	(3)	21	MY ABBEY 10 (D,F) (Abbey Racing) E Alston 8-8	K Fallon	95

BETTING: 2-1 Tino Tere, 5-1 Zinovia, 4-1 Titch Wizard, 6-1 Running For Cover, 8-1 My Abbey, 12-1 Chadleigh House.

1990: IT'S ALL ACADEMIC 8-6 J Carroll (4-1) J Berry 6 ran

2.45 CRABWALL MANOR HOTEL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,252: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners) — C4

201	(4)	3-	BARKERVILLE 215 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
202	(7)	0	DANCE WITH A DEVIL 17 (Mrs C Pelling) R Simpson 9-0	A Tucker	—
203	(3)	23-06	NORTHERN RAINBOW 10 (G Johnson) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	83
204	(5)	5-	SEA CADET 215 (R Hollingsworth) W Ham 9-0	W Carson	—
205	(1)	62-35	SINCLAIR LAD 7 (Sinclair Developments Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	78
206	(6)		JURIS PRUDENCE (D Allen) B McMahon 9-0	A Munro	—
207	(2)	4	LLANGOLLEN 17 (R Seagrief) B Hills 8-8	Pat Eddery	93

BETTING: 5-4 Barkerville, 7-4 Llangollen, 5-1 Sea Cadet, 8-1 Northern Rainbow, 16-1 Sinclair Lad, 20-1 Juris Prudence, 33-1 Dance With A Devil.

1990: REGIMENTAL ARMS 9-0 Pat Eddery (8-4 fav) B Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARKERVILLE promising ½l 3rd of 18 to Environment Friend at Newmarket (7f, good). Open to improvement and holds a Derby entry.
DANCE WITH A DEVIL never dangerous 24th of 25 to Rains at Newbury (1m, good). NORTHERN RAINBOW weakened 2f out when 13l 5th of 13 to Hieroglyphic in a handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good). SEA CADET 10½l 6th of 16, eased when beaten, to Sapieha at Newmarket (7f, good). SINCLAIR LAD never nearer 5l 5th of 17 to Saltoya in a handicap at Nottingham (1m 5Dyd, good to soft). LLANGOLLEN hampered 1f out when staying-on 6l 4th to Umniyatee at Newbury (7f, good). Holds an Oaks entry.
Selection: BARKERVILLE

3.15 DALHAM CHESTER VASE (Group III: 3-Y-O: £29,268: 1m 4f 65yd) (6 runners) — C4

301	(5)	11-	BRAVEFOOT 235 (BF,F,G) (Lord Rothenwick) W Ham 8-11	W Carson	97
302	(1)	616-	HILTS HUT 206 (G) (S Nerches) R Charlton 8-11	Paul Eddery	70
303	(6)	6	LUCHIROVERTE 18 (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11	A Munro	—
304	(4)	221-1	PEKING OPERA 14 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
305	(2)	1-3	TOULON 16 (G) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 8-11	Pat Eddery	88
306	(3)	31343-1	WIDYAN 18 (C,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	86

BETTING: 6-4 Peking Opera, 5-2 Toulon, 4-1 Bravefoot, 6-1 Widyan, 10-1 Hilti's Hut, 16-1 Luchiroverte.

1990: BELMEZ 8-11 S Cauthen (8-13 fav) H Cecil 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVEFOOT tested positive when disappointing 8¼l last of 5 to Bog Trotter in group II Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f, good) in September. Previously beat Self Expression ½l at Newbury (7f, good to firm). HILTS HUT 8¼l 6th of 11 to Sea Level in a listed race at Ascot (1m, good) in October. Previously beat Another Bob ½l at Newmarket (1m, good).
LUCHIROVERTE staying-on 9¼l 6th of 17 to North Wind at Newbury (1m 3f, good). PEKING OPERA impressed when beating Circus Light 10l in a listed race at Kempton (1m 4f, good). Previously beat Mejed 5l at Leicester (1m, good to soft). TOULON 4¾l 3rd of 9 to impressive Suave Dancer in group II Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft) and beat Sarajoudin a neck at Longchamp (1m 1f, good) in October. WIDYAN easily beat Hip To Time 3l at Newbury (1m 3f, good), and was last ¼l 3rd of 12 to Fortune's Wheel in group II Premio Guido Berardelli at Capannelle (1m 2f, soft) in November.
Selection: PEKING OPERA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hanbury	10	31	32.3	S Cauthen	17	74	23.0
W Ham	10	32	31.3	Pat Eddery	17	77	22.1
F Lee	5	19	26.3	W Carson	22	104	21.2
B Hills	27	104	26.0	A Munro	6	29	20.7
M Prescott	3	12	25.0	G Carter	8	45	17.8
G Lewis	3	13	23.1	M Hills	12	68	17.6

3.45 TOTE CREDIT TROPHY HANDICAP (£14,995: 7f 122yd) (16 runners) — C4

401	(16)	114-205	TWO LEFT FEET 28 (CD,F,G,S) (P Molina) M Prescott 4-10-0	G Duffield	90
402	(12)	11/55-	TANFITH 214 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-8-8	W Carson	89
403	(2)	363100-	FINAL SHOT 195 (F,S) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 4-8-13	M Birch	90
404	(13)	010-005	ARANY 11 (D,S) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 4-8-11	R Hills	98
405	(4)	0045-11	DORSET DUKE 18 (F,S) (G Wragg) G Wragg 4-8-9	G Carter	94
406	(6)	110-000	GUILMARG 6 (D,F,G) (Lord Vestey) H Candy 4-8-7	C Rutter	94
407	(3)	3310-21	SKY CLOUD 6 (C,F,S) (S Harper) R Akehurst 5-8-5 (7ex)	Pat Eddery	● 99
408	(11)	0000-01	FARM STREET 14 (G,S) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 4-8-4	A Munro	95
409	(14)	233-200	LANGTRY LADY 19 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 5-8-1	N Gwilliams (5)	96
410	(5)	0-32250	CRAFT EXPRESS 13 (BF,G) (Mrs V Rowland) M Johnston 5-7-13	R P Elliott	97
411	(10)	01402-0	SPORTING SIMON 17 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 6-7-12	G Bardwell	92
412	(1)	10100-0	YOUNG JASON 8 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 8-7-10	—	91
413	(9)	0100/5-0	PINCTADA 6 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Darby) R Simpson 9-7-10	N Carlisle	89
414	(15)	1360-02	CEE-JAY-AY 22 (CD,F) (R Jinks) J Berry 4-7-7	L Charnock	88
415	(7)	021-450	EL ARAB 20 (V,F) (T Jones) E Alston 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	88
416	(8)	05/0515-	URRAY ON HARRY 358 (D,F,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 7-7-7	A Garth (7)	80

Long handicap: Cee-Jay-Ay 7-6, El Arab 7-6, Urray On Harry 7-2.
BETTING: 7-2 Sky Cloud, 5-1 Dorset Duke, 8-1 Craft Express, Farm Street, 10-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, Sporting Simon, 12-1 Arany, 14-1 Final Shot, Guilmarg, Langtry Lady, Young Jason, 16-1 Tanfith, Two Left Feet, 20-1 others.

1990: HACKFORTH 4-7-6 G Hind (15-2) J Bethell 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWO LEFT FEET 8l 5th to Hatoof at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft). Best SPORTING SIMON 10l over course and distance (heavy) last season, with FINAL SHOT 18l 6th.
TANFITH 3l 5th to Raj Wold at Newmarket (1m, good). ARANY outclassed 18l last of 5 to In The Groove in group II Troutbouse Forte at Sandown (1m, good). DORSET DUKE beat Arabian King ½l at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). SKY CLUD impressive in beating Band On The Run 3l at Ascot (7f, soft), with PINCTADA 10th and GUILMARG 12th. FARM STREET best Steeplane Fantasy 1l at Kempton (7f, good), with GUILMARG (6lb better off) 3l 7th. LANGTRY LADY 9¼l 9th to Nicholas at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). CEE-JAY-AY head 2nd to Verdant Boy at Edinburgh (7f, good to soft). URRAY ON HARRY 11 5th to Arbie at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good).
Selection: SKY CLOUD

4.15 GREAT CHESHIRE HANDICAP (£7,356: 1m 2f 85yd) (15 runners) — C4

501	(9)	04460-4	LINPAC WEST 45 (D,S) (Linpac Group Ltd) C W Elsey 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	96
502	(6)	0/0615-4	CASTORET 13 (D,S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 5-8-9	M Hills	94
503	(2)	00/34	DR BULASCO 25 (G,S) (Under Orders Racing Plc) D Murray Smith 7-8-7	T Quinn	87
504	(3)	500-611	THOMAS LENG 10 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-8-6	S Maloney (5)	96
505	(5)	5430-23	SALMAN 27 (F,S) (S Norton) S Norton 5-8-5	W Carson	96
506	(15)	16110-2	SINCLAIR BOY 21 (D,BF,F,S) (K Knox) B Hills 5-8-2	D Holland (5)	91
507	(8)	44-0110	MARGS GIRL 12 (D,F,G,S) (G Stephenson) T Fairhurst 4-8-0	J Fanning (5)	97
508	(7)	21060-3	CAREFREE TIMES 17 (F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-8-0	N Connorton	97
509	(13)	0104-	MUIZENBERG 68J (D Davies) J Edwards 4-7-13	A Munro	91
510	(10)	604033-	HAWWAM 58J (BF,F,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 5-7-12	Dana Mellor	92
511	(11)	100550-	ADMIRALTY WAY 242 (CD,G) (C Mayhy) M O'Neill 5-7-9	A Mackay	● 99
512	(1)	55-2005	GOLDEN ANCONA 10 (G,S) (The Racing Telegraph) M Brittain 8-7-8	J Lowe	96
513	(12)	54013-0	OFFICER CADET 10 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-7-7	S Wood (3)	94
514	(14)	55/3400-	BARACHOIS PRINCESS 217 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-7-7	A Garth (7)	93
515	(4)	283822	PRINCESS ROXANNE 5 (B) (K Parker) A Bailey 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	87

Long handicap: Officer Cadet 7-5, Barachois Princess 7-3, Princess Roxanne 8-12.
BETTING: 3-1 Sinclair Boy, 6-1 Castoret, 8-1 Officer Cadet, Salmon, 10-1 Carefree Times, Thomas Leng, 12-1 Linpac West, Margs Girl, 14-1 Golden Ancona, 16-1 others.

1990: ADMIRALTY WAY 4-7-12 J Fortune (20-1) M O'Neill 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

LINPAC WEST 4¾l 4th to Annerella in the William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, soft). CASTORET 4½l 4th to Army Of Stars at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). THOMAS LENG beat Here He Comes a short head at Leicester (1m 2f, good), with OFFICER CADET (6lb better off), not clear run, 5l 7th. SINCLAIR BOY 5l 2nd to Operation Wolf at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). MARGS GIRL beat Fox Chapel 1l at Ripon (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start, with SALMAN (1lb better off) a short head 3rd. CAREFREE TIMES 5l 3rd to Glassiandale at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). HAWWAM 11l 3rd to Live Action at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, soft). GOLDEN ANCONA staying-on 7l 5th to Habeta at Ripon (1m, good to firm). PRINCESS ROXANNE 3l 2nd to Blue Grit at Redcar (1m 1f, hard).
Selection: LINPAC WEST (nap)

4.45 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,200: 5f) (10 runners)

601	(2)	161683-	DALE HILL DAISY 193 (D,F) (R Mines) B McMahon 9-7	A Munro	80
602	(8)	21135-0	HEAVEN-LEIGH-GREY 19 (D,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll	91
603	(5)	0130-06	RACKETEER 17 (D,F) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 9-1	D Holland (5)	91
604	(7)	034140-	INDIGO 251 (D,F) (D Brotherton) R Whitaker 9-1	A Culhane	80
605	(10)	1200-	MARIA CAPPUCCINI 206 (D,F) (Mrs A Cappuccini) I Balding 9-0	S Cauthen	81
606	(6)	3231-0	IKTESHAF 14 (F) (M Salem) S Hanbury 8-10	Pat Eddery	87
607	(4)	4414-	RAWAABE 186 (O,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-7	R Hills	97
608	(9)	1244115	BALLASECRET 10 (D,BF,F) (R Adams) R Dickin 8-5	S Dawson	93
609	(3)	52331-3	MACFARLANE 24 (D,G) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3	W Carson	92
610	(1)	204-311	SNOWGIRL 18 (D,F,S) (A Slack) J Berry 7-9	L Charnock	● 89

BETTING: 7-2 Racketeer, 5-1 Macfarlane, 11-2 Snowgirl, 8-1 Rawaabe, 8-1 Ballasecret, 10-1 Heaven-Leigh-Grey, 12-1 Dale Hill Daisy, 14-1 Maria Cappuccini, 16-1 Indigo, Iksheaf.

1990: ANYTIME ANYWHERE 7-9 J Lowe (14-1) Mrs G Reveley 13 ran

☐ Tony Hide's son, Phillip, rode his first winner when taking the amateur riders' event on the odds-on favourite Missing Man at Fontwell Park yesterday. The 17-year-old was having only his second ride over fences. He joined Josh Gifford's stable in September and rode a polished race to beat Hill Of Barra by ten lengths in the Beaumont Challenge Cup.

SALISBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Battle Of Britain.	2.00 Battle Of Britain.
2.30 Dominora.	2.30 Bid For Elegance.
3.00 Viceroy Jester.	3.00 Viceroy Jester.
3.30 Sharpalto.	3.30 Susanna's Secret.
4.00 Miss Foxtrot.	4.00 Miss Simplicity.
4.30 Corley Boy.	4.30 Corley Boy.
5.00 Dream Carrier.	5.00 Dream Carrier.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 EDDIE REAVEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,911: 5f) (16 runners)

1	(15)		STORMY WINTER (F Cloan Lui) J Eustace 8-12	B Raymond	—
2	(11)		HI DOL (J Robertson) G Lewis 8-11	R Cochrane	—
3	(1)	0	PROBATION 24 (S Millman) B Millman 8-11	R Price (5)	78
4	(2)		BATTLE OF BRITAIN (M Goddard) J Berry 8-8	L Dettori	—
5	(5)		AFFAIR OF STATE (Mrs S Crown) M Channon 8-5	J Quinn	—
6	(12)		PRINCE FERDINAND (Mike J Wisch) M McCormack 8-5	J Reid	—
7	(6)		RICH PICKINGS (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-5	W Ryan	—
8	(8)	2	DUTY SERGEANT 14 (W Mann) M Muggeridge 8-3	J Williams	● 89
9	(13)		MY SENOR (Mrs J Ridgen) L Holt 8-3	N Adams	—
10	(7)	50	TRUEBOURNE 10 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 8-3	A McGlone	57
11	(4)	0	VIS-A-VIS 22 (C Street) R Hood 8-3	S Whitworth	—
12	(16)		FRAGRANT HAZE 17 (J Carrington) A Hide 8-1	Dale Gibson	—
13	(10)		NORTHERN LIMIT (Mrs L Kibble) B Millman 7-12	F Norton (7)	—
14	(9)		ROCALITY (G Mist) R Hannon 7-12	S O'Gorman (3)	—
15	(14)		TRUTHFUL IMAGE (Mrs M Baxter) M Ryan 7-12	R Fox	—
16	(3)		TWO BIRDS (R Brodie) C Horgan 7-12	T Williams	—

BETTING: 9-4 Battle Of Britain, 9-2 Duty Sergeant, 6-1 Hi Dol, 8-1 Rocality, 10-1 Prince Ferdinand, 12-1 others.

1990: SULASTAR 8-11 S Rouse (9-4 j-fav) R Hannon 7 ran

2.30 REDENHAM CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,003: 1m) (14 runners)

1	(11)	42150-0	BEYOND OUR REACH 13 (F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 9-3	G Baxter	● 99
2	(14)	060-0	VA UTU 8 (Clairedean Ltd) M Channon 9-2	—	78
3	(13)	000-5	MILLSOLIN 36 (M Butler) A Davison 8-11	J Williams	75
4	(1)		WILTOSKI (Albury Racing Ltd) K Ivory 8-11	S Whitworth	—
5	(5)	052504-	EURO MARK 235 (R Toovey) M Madgwick 8-6	A Shoults	74
6	(12)	0	SAM SPADE 7 (P Szczepanik) K Ivory 8-7	T Williams	—
7	(9)	2245-02	BID FOR ELEGANCE 35 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-6	M Roberts	88
8	(3)	600	FORZINA 10 (C McKenna) M Blanshard 8-6	R Cochrane	71
9	(4)	00-	PHUSSANDBUSSLE 197 (Mrs M Simsonds) J Dunlop 8-6	J Reid	—
10	(8)	6-02000	BULLET PROOF 7 (S) (R Dollar) P Howling 8-5	B Crossley	72
11	(2)	53-212	DOMINORA 38 (D,BF) (K Rohan) C Nelson 8-4	N Adams	97
12	(6)	00-	MEALLWASHA 200 (I Wila) J Fanshawe 8-4	A McGlone	80
13	(10)	0	KIANGSU 17 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 8-2	A Cruz	—
14	(7)		TRUE TO KEEP (T Lock) J Bethell 8-2	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Dominora, 7-2 Bid For Elegance, 5-1 Moustandbussle, 6-1 Beyond Our Reach, 8-1 Mealiwasha, 10-1 Va Utu, 12-1 Kiangsu, True To Keep, 14-1 others.

1990: POSSESSIVE LADY 8-7 W R Swinburn (5-2 fav) A Scott 13 ran

3.00 SOTHEBYS HANDICAP (£4,045: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1	(8)	6110-40	AGE OF MIRACLES 21 (F,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-11	A Clark	96
2	(9)	212/300-	STAR LORD 215 (F) (Mrs C Heath) A Stewart 5-9-10	M Roberts	98
3	(1)	100/252-	CASTLE CLOWN 339 (V,C,F,S) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 6-9-9	J Reid	91
4	(5)	0/3140-0	CELESTIAL GUEST 19 (D,F) (Mrs S Purcell) R Guest 4-9-6	W Ryan	89
5	(7)	41300-	FLOWN 218 (F) (E Windsor) R Hannon 4-9-7	B Rouse	93
6	(10)	3305/10-	FANATICAL 321 (D,F) (Kingsley Holidays) J Baker 5-8-13	W Newnes	97
7	(6)	20583-3	POSTAGE STAMP 19 (Losers Owners Group) J Hills 4-8-6	L Dettori	96
8	(12)	2124-51	VICEROY JESTER 7 (D,F,G,S) (F Broom) R Holder 6-8-6 (5ex)	S Drowne (7)	91
9	(4)	51100-0	MAHRAJAN 13 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 7-8-5	R Cochrane	96
10	(11)	0610-00	J BRAND 7 (D,F,G) (Lowe & Oliver) P Cole 4-8-4	A Cruz	87
11	(13)	32-3214	AL SHANY 24 (D,S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 5-7-13	T Williams	90
12	(2)	0560-00	DANCING BRIDE 10 (J Bethell) J Bethell 4-7-7	Dale Gibson	● 99
13	(3)	46362-0	THE OIL BARON 43 (Mrs J Hood) R Hood 5-7-7	R Price (5)	97

Long handicap: The Oil Baron 6-8.
BETTING: 4-1 Viceroy Jester, 9-2 Postage Stamp, 5-1 Star Lord, 6-1 Mahrajan, 8-1 Al Shany, Flown, 10-1 others.

1990: GOLDBUSTER 5-10-0 R Cochrane (13-8 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	9	26	34.6	R Price	4	22	18.2
R Charlton	3	10	30.0	W R Swinburn	11	62	17.7
Lord Huntingdon	4	22	18.2	R Cochrane	19	122	15.6
A Stewart	3	17	17.6	S Raymont	3	21	14.3
B Hanbury	3	18	16.7	L Dettori	3	22	13.5
I Balding	26	164	15.9	B Raymond	6	37	13.5

3.30 DURNFORD HANDICAP (£4,207: 7f) (20 runners)

1	(17)	0040-64	SHARPALTO 5 (D,G) (Milprew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-10-0	B Thomas (7)	97
2	(18)	4111-00	LAMBOURN RAJA 5 (CD,G,S) (Pipe Scudamore Plc) M Pipe 5-9-13	F Arrowsmith (7)	97
3	(2)	0600-14	JUST A STEP 14 (D,BF,F,G) (Exors G Cooke) M McCormack 5-9-10	J Reid	96
4	(16)	6015I1-	LA BAMBA 179 (D,F,G) (Mrs D MacRae) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-9-10	W Hood	94
5	(20)	544610-	MOVING FORCE 189 (D,F,G) (H Frost) L Holt 4-8-8	N Adams	92
6	(1)	605-112	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 14 (D,F,G,S) (Guest Leasing Ltd) M Channon 6-8-7	J Quinn	96
7	(15)	111103	PREDICTABLE 31 (D,BF,G) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 5-8-6	Alex Greaves (5)	● 99
8	(19)	003500-	KHULM 154J (F) (Mrs S Purcell) M Madgwick 4-8-4	W Ryan	92
9	(14)	05808-4	KORACLE BAY 20 (F) (J Simpson) C Wall 4-8-4	N Day	94
10	(11)	035381-	PETTICOAT POWER 176 (D,F,G,S) (Brogan/Kearney) Mrs B Waring 5-8-3	N Howe	93
11	(10)	1401-00	ALNASRIC PETE 6 (F) (A Speyer) D Wilson 5-8-3	B Rouse	93
12	(3)	010-062	SUSANNA'S SECRET 3 (D,F) (Miss M Kidell) W Carter 4-8-2	T Williams	97
13	(12)	0-20	KING FERDINAND 19 (S Brewer) P Makin 4-8-1	T Sprake (5)	93
14	(4)	03000-4	NAWWAR 32 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Banstead) C Benstead 7-9-0	R Cochrane	96
15	(6)	50060-0	FOUNTAIN LOCH 8 (D,F,G) (G Farndon) R Holder 4-8-13	J Williams	94
16	(9)	00200-0	NICQUITA 14 (V,D,F) (White Horse Racing) C C Elsey 4-8-11	Dale Gibson	94
17	(5)	05110-0	BROTHER RAY 14 (CD,F,G) (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 4-8-10	M Wigham	94
18	(13)	511410-	BALIGAY 236 (B,C,D,F,G) (H Carnell & Son) R Hodges 6-8-6	M Roberts	89
19	(7)	00-0000	PROFIT A PRENDRE 5 (D,F,S) (P Thome) D Wilson 7-8-7	W Newnes	95
20	(8)	65-4110	ZINBAQ 13 (G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 5-8-6	W R Swinburn	94

BETTING: 8-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 13-2 Susanna's Secret, 7-1 Brother Ray, La Bamba, 8-1 Zinbaq, Baligay, 10-1 Just A Step, Lambourn Raja, 12-1 Petticoat Power, Nawwar, 14-1 Fountain Loch, Predictable, 16-1 others.

1990: GRATCLO 4-8-10 J Reid (5-1) C Hill 17 ran

4.00 DRUIDS MEDIAN AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,184: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(11)	016-	MISS SIMPLICITY 192 (G) (Mrs C Argabend) D Elsworth 9-1	J Williams	92
2	(3)	1	RABSHA 20 (S) (M Obaida) B Hanbury 9-1	B Raymond	96
3	(12)	0-	ARRASTRA 234 (D Beck) I Balding 8-8	J Reid	—
4	(2)	0033-3	BALLYSTATE 5 (J Gaisford) C James 8-8	A Shoults	● 99
5	(8)	06-	GREY STARLING 196 (J Morrison) R Charlton 8-8	S Raymont	88
6	(4)		HIGH STEPPE (P Player) J Fanshawe 8-8	W R Swinburn	—
7	(10)	0	HUBBERS FAVOURITE 17 (Mrs A Sendera) E Eldin 8-8	M Roberts	85
8	(9)		LADY MARRIOTT (M Dewey) L Cumani 8-8	L Dettori	—
9	(5)	05-2	MISS FOXTROT 24 (N Jones) J Dunlop 8-8	R Cochrane	93
10	(7)	00	NOMICA 24 (Fergicaclous Punters Club) W Muir 8-8	S Whitworth	—
11	(6)		NOVA SPIRIT (M Saunders) R Holder 8-8	N Adams	—
12	(1)	000-	VOSTOK 188 (Mrs D MacRae) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	W Hood	—

BETTING: 7-2 Rabsha, 4-1 Lady Marriott, 5-1 Miss Foxtrot, 8-1 Miss Simplicity, High Steppe, 8-1 Arrastra, Ballystate, 10-1 Grey Starling, 12-1 others.

4.30 REDENHAM CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,003: 1m) (14 runners)

1	(13)	000610	CORLEY BOY 11 (V,D,G) (Greenland Park Ltd) Lord Huntingdon 9-2	W R Swinburn	● 99
2	(4)	1405-00	SUMMER SANDS 8 (F) (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 9-2	J Williams	93
3	(1)	0	GREAT IMPOSTOR 22 (Mrs D Abbott) P Walwyn 8-13	R Cochrane	—
4	(9)	0000-	CRASH BANG WALLOP 186 (R Bennett) R Bennett 8-11	A McGlone	—
5	(5)	460-258	PRINCE RODNEY 22 (A Holdsworth) P Butler 8-11	W Ryan	96
6	(7)		NORTHERN ASCENT (K Cunningham-Brown) K Cunningham-Brown 8-10	S Raymond	—
7	(2)	00-0	HAVEYOUALLDONE 38 (D Chanston) S Dow 8-9	W Newnes	—
8	(14)	5	BEDSWERVER 36 (Mrs T Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 8-6	S Whitworth	95
9	(11)	00000-	TRENDY AUCTIONEER 185 (B) (Miss V Jarvis) A Hide 8-6	G Baxter	80
10	(6)	0	BE REASONABLE 8 (Mrs A Upsdell) P Mitchell 8-5	S O'Gorman (3)	—
11	(8)	00	LATE LADY 8 (D Tylden-Wright) R Holder 8-3	J Quinn	—
12	(10)	0600-	BRIDAL DANCE 218 (Mrs W Blackwood) R Hannon 8-1	M Roberts	96
13	(9)	40-	CAESARS NIECE 299 (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-0	Dale Gibson	81
14	(12)	600-04	GODS GIFT 11 (D Ivory) K Ivory 8-0	T Williams	90

BETTING: 11-4 Corley Boy, 7-2 Summer Sands, 6-1 Great Impostor, Bridal Dance, 8-1

Cricket's masters sit in judgment on bat v ball

The Test and County Cricket Board believes that the surfeit of runs last summer was a meteorological phenomenon, but Simon Wilde finds a divergence of opinion among the counties in the search for a balance between bat and ball

LISTENING to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) talk about its policy towards the county cricket season, which after a wet start gets going again on Thursday, is rather like listening to the government's line on inflation: just bear with us, by the end of the summer, the run-scoring/retail-price index will once again be down to acceptable levels.

The men at the ministry of cricket have virtually staked their reputation on the argument that all that was wrong was last summer, when even the number of batting records broken was a record, was the weather, which was so hot and dry that it tipped the balance drastically against bowlers. Barring a meteorological repetition, the Board claims, this summer should demonstrate that the changes made to the pitch and the ball last year – in response to several summers dominated by batteries of seam bowlers – were indeed the right ones. But is the Board correct?

There are several indications that the TCCB, in the best politicians' fashion, is in fact insisting on the wisdom of its long-term plans – which it feels were endorsed by England's Test successes last year – while at the same time subtly revising them.

One was the initiative by Derbyshire, Kent, Northamptonshire and Yorkshire that pitches this season should be uncovered. This would have immediately strengthened the hand of the bowlers by allowing the spinners to once again exploit rain-affected pitches. It was inevitable, though, that any move to place the game even more at the mercy of the elements would be regarded as commercially unpopular and the proposal was comfortably defeated at the Board's winter meeting.

After representations from the groundsmen, the Board has already altered the guidelines on the pitch it laid down so forcefully last year. The definition of what constitutes a suitable pitch has been broadened: the rather curious insistence on its appearance ("white or straw coloured") has been abandoned in favour of simply specifying how it must feel and play ("dry, firm and true, providing pace and even bounce," and helping spinners later).

The most telling sign of unease at what is happening, though, comes from the divergence of opinion among those directly involved: the players and officials on the county circuit. The impression gained from their accounts that all the Board has succeeded in doing is allowing moderately talented batsmen to win inflated reputations, where once moderately talented bowlers did so.

Perhaps, like many a politician, all the Board is doing is blowing with the wind.

THE BOWLER

Derek Pringle
(Essex and England seam bowler; the leading wicket taker in 1989, he took only 39 wickets last season)

"They all said it was due to the weather last year. I'm not so convinced. It was more to do with over zealous pitch constraints. Some squares can't bear up over three or four days when they're dry and straw coloured; the ball ends up going through the top.

"The so-called experts will say there is no quality bowling around and that is why batsmen scored so many runs last season. That's very trite. The trouble with 1988 and 1989 was that with the bigger seam ball a lot of people prepared sub-standard pitches, which magnified the whole thing.

"I'm not so sure the Board was that keen on the changes. It was the counties who wanted to change. The Board is keen that if English cricket does well you keep that formula whatever it may be. I can't see that English cricket did well just because the ball was changed."

THE UMPIRE

Barry Dudleston
(first-class umpire and a member of this summer's Test match panel)

"A lot of things came together last year: the ball, the pitches and the weather. Basically, I think it worked. For seven or eight years beforehand, you got very mediocre bowlers dominating good batsmen just by landing it on the seam and letting the wicket do the rest. What I call phantom seamers. As soon as they found they couldn't get five for 30, they gave up.

"By the second half of last season, sides were picking second spinners instead of fourth seamers. The longer it goes on, the more the right type of bowler will survive. I don't think you'll ever get a season quite like the first one, when all the wrong bowlers were being used and all the wrong team selections were being made.

"I don't think it [TCCB] realised how much rigging of wickets had been going on. I think they got a shock to find out what a difference there was."

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Stuart Anderson
(secretary of Kent)

"Before this happened, people were crying out to see runs. Maybe there does now need to be a re-balance. Hopefully, the wicket preparation will go a little way towards restoring that.

"Nobody likes contrived finishes; the players don't, the members don't. It is a very undignified way of playing and is bad for the game. Although Kent have been instrumental in the retention of the mix of three-day and four-day cricket, there is a lot of debate about whether in future that will be the Kent position or whether we will swing behind the advocates four-day cricket.

"When you've got batsmen who are quite clearly not of the highest calibre scoring a large number of runs regularly you have to ask some questions. You know very well that they are not as great as some of the players of the past. That in itself tends to devalue the game."

THE BATSMAN

Nigel Briers
(Leicestershire captain, who scored almost 2,000 first-class runs last season)

"We had some good weather early on last season and it made the good pitches possible. It got players in to form early and when the normally good weather came later you could compile even more.

"The quality of batting was certainly better last season and it made some of the ordinary seamers bowl a lot better. You couldn't get any old little seamer coming on and putting it on a length. They had to work harder for their wickets. Perhaps things slightly swayed towards the batsman. I'm sure the bowlers would say that.

"With the better pitches you had to use more variation and if you've got it, use it, off spinor left-arm spin or whatever you've got. You can't just fire away all day with seamers on these decent pitches."

THE GROUNDSMAN

Ron Allsopp
(Nottinghamshire groundsman; leading exponent of the "green" pitch in the Eighties)

"The new definition about the pitch is fine. It was ridiculous about colours. I thought at one time they were going to give us colour charts.

"I don't think the balance between bat and ball is right. I think it's just swung the other way. I personally would love to get a better balance. I'm going to try and liven them [the pitches] up a little bit but not to the extent of getting into any trouble. The dividing line is so thin. What you might be inclined to do is just play safe.

"I'm not blaming the Board for doing what it had to do. Things really had got out of hand with all those seamers bowling sides out. That wasn't particularly good for the game. We went too far. But don't let us just abandon last year, let's have another go before we start throwing things out."



Nigel Briers: "Bowlers had to work harder"

Day of reckoning dawns for the contenders in cup

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THIS is the day, each year, when the serious cricket watcher needs to pack a pocket calculator with his sandwiches and binoculars. After a fortnight of jockeying for positions, the eight quarter-final places in the Benson and Hedges Cup should be claimed by tonight, some of them only on minutely superior run-rate.

The value of this particular limited-overs competition is being increasingly debated within the game and its domination of the early weeks of the season is unarguably against the players' best interests.

But even for those, like myself, who would do away with it, there is an annual fascination in this fraught two-day span – the last scrap to qualify, followed, tomorrow morning, by the live radio draw which will always be fondly remembered for the time it went farcically wrong.

Of the 20 teams that set out in near freezing temperatures on April 23, four are definitely through to the last eight and six are definitely not.

The remaining ten have something to play for today, when six of the eight fixtures have a bearing on qualification.

The least complicated zone is group D, which has a play-off situation. The winners of the Glamorgan v Yorkshire match at Cardiff will go through with Hampshire and, as both had surprising wins over stronger opposition on Saturday, they might even draw a crowd on a ground where the relative successes of Alan Butcher's side are not yet reflected in attendances.

Kent should join Lancashire in progressing from group C.

Mark Benson's team plays Scotland at Glasgow, where victory is many times more likely than for their rivals, Sussex, who must take their immature side to Old Trafford, possibly without their captain, Paul Parker.

Gloucestershire have the slowest run-rate of the three clubs contesting second place in group A, but may, paradoxically, be the likeliest to proceed.

Their opponents today are Derbyshire, thoroughly inconsistent, at present, while Northamptonshire seem unlikely to end Worcestershire's 100 per cent record in one-day cricket.

A three-way tie will result if Derbyshire and Worcestershire are today's winners.

Still more confusing possibilities would have remained in group B if Middlesex had won yesterday, but defeat by Warwickshire, startlingly a third loss in four games for the county champions, has eliminated them and left Andy Lloyd's team favourites to join Essex in the knockout rounds.

Warwickshire, whose run-rate is the best in the competition, could even qualify if they lose at the Oval today, although then the calculators would be needed to separate them from Surrey and, if they can pass a forbidding examination at Chelmsford, Somerset.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP TABLES

GROUP A

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Worcestershire	3	3	0	0	0	6	69.57
Northants	3	2	1	0	0	4	59.43
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	0	4	52.80
Derbyshire	3	1	2	0	0	2	72.12
Combined Univs	4	0	4	0	0	0	43.71

GROUP B

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Essex	3	3	0	0	0	6	80.36
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	0	4	84.34
Somerset	3	1	2	0	0	2	73.87
Surrey	3	1	2	0	0	2	69.39
Middlesex	4	1	3	0	0	2	59.79

GROUP C

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	0	6	63.80
Sussex	3	2	1	0	0	4	71.41
Kent	3	2	1	0	0	4	69.43
Leicestershire	4	1	3	0	0	2	64.31
Scotland	3	0	3	0	0	0	58.65

GROUP D

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Hampshire	4	3	1	0	0	6	84.23
Glamorgan	3	2	1	0	0	4	70.90
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	0	4	67.04
Nottinghamshire	3	1	2	0	0	2	73.32
Minor Counties	3	0	3	0	0	0	57.81

Warwickshire show mettle

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S: Warwickshire (2pts) beat Middlesex by 39 runs

BARRING heavy defeat by Surrey today, Warwickshire should qualify for the Benson and Hedges quarter-finals. Their run-rate is the best in group B and, as they showed in beating Middlesex more convincingly than the scorecard would suggest, their out-cricket is superior, too.

To some extent this must be attributable to the coaching of Bob Woolmer. He has had Warwickshire's staff on everything from a diet to sessions with a sports psychologist and has still gained their respect. Middlesex resumed yesterday needing a further 209 from 42 overs and found themselves struggling for every run.

A year ago, on this kind of decent pitch, they would probably have made them. That was when Haynes was opening with Roseberry, allowing Gatting respite from the new ball. Now, badly missing their absentees, Middlesex will most probably finish last in their group.

There was an enthusiasm about Warwickshire's bowling that manifested itself in the approach of Donald, Reeve and especially Smith, who took three of the first four Middlesex wickets to fall. For that and making 34 on Saturday, he won the gold award.

Reeve it was who took the first and crucial wicket of Gatting, caught behind attempting to glance in the third over of the morning. One misjudgment could be exonerated, but not those of all the upper order. Hutchinson went to a sloppy pull, Ramprakash was bowled on the back foot by a ball of the fullest length and Brown was caught slashing to backward point. The previous ball he had been dropped in that very same position.

There followed a worthy partnership of 75 in 17 overs between Keech, whose muscular strokeplay is not dissimilar to that of Gatting, and Downton, but this, too, ended in disarray.

Keech, who will doubtless soon be given his first-class debut, chanced a second to Ostler at long leg that even Denis Compton would have spurned. That was 132 for five and although Downton was his usual consistent self, once flat-batting Reeve for six over cover, defeat was imminent.

Tufnell also struck a six over cover, off Small, but the rest went quietly. This was all the cricket there was on the chilliest of bank holidays; it was as well for Middlesex that more did not turn up to admonish them.

WARWICKSHIRE: 237 for 9 (Asif Din 97, A J Moles 51)

MIDDLESEX

I J F Hutchinson c Piper b Smith	8
*M W Gatting c Piper b Reeve	17
M R Ramprakash b Smith	7
K R Brown c Reeve b Smith	12
M Keech run out	47
†P R Downton c Piper b Reeve	41
J E Emburey b Reeve	23
N F Williams c Donald b Small	3
D W Headley c Ostler b Munton	2
P C R Tufnell run out	18
N G Cowans not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 11, nb 1)	20
Total (51.3 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-38, 3-55, 4-57, 5-132, 6-153, 7-161, 8-166, 9-198.

BOWLING: Donald 9-1-32-0; Munton 11-2-27-1; Smith 11-1-28-3; Reeve 9.3-0-48-3; Small 11-0-55-1.

Gold award: P A Smith.

Umpires: J D Bond and P B Wight.

Botham's son out for two months

LIAM Botham, the talented son of the England all-rounder, has been ordered by a specialist to miss the next two months of his school cricket season because of a back injury (John Goodbody writes).

Botham was a member of the Rossall first XI for the first three matches this season at the age of only 13, a rarity in public school cricket. He has been told to rest after pulling a muscle in his back. His father, Ian, the former England captain, has been troubled with back injuries.

Richard Rhodes, the school headmaster, said that Liam had been in pain last week and had seen a specialist in Manchester. Rhodes added that the problem had been quite sudden and that Liam had been playing rugby before Easter.

The headmaster described the boy as an all-round sportsman. "He is obviously competent at cricket, hockey and rugby." He said that his selection for the first XI at the age of 13 was "unusual". It last happened at Rossall, which is near Fleetwood in Lancashire, about 10 years ago.

Liam will miss the country's leading cricket festival for 14-year-olds at Worcester in July.

Meanwhile, his father is house hunting in the Lancashire area to be nearer Liam. He has looked round a £300,000 home in the award winning village of Wrea Green, near Blackpool.

Fine start on road back for Elliott

By a Correspondent

PETER Elliott brushed aside the British pretenders to his middle-distance crown with a comfortable victory in the mile at the General Portfolio festival of road running at Gateshead yesterday. His supporters hope he has brushed aside his self-doubt just as easily.

The Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres gold medal winner has lost some of the confidence which he possessed – he said last year that he felt unbeatable every time he raced.

Things started to go wrong nine months ago when he was pushed and knocked over in the heat of the European championships. His progress has subsequently been hampered by a succession of injuries which started when he put his foot down a pot hole on a training run in Rotherham.

"I haven't been out on a run since December without some kind of problem," Elliott said after winning in 4min 02sec. "I wasn't enjoying my running. By coming here I was really putting my neck on the chopping block."

He hopes that this performance marks the turning point in his fortunes. "I'll go back and see if I get any reaction from my hip injury and decide what I do next then."

But everything this year is geared towards the world championships in Tokyo in August. "Nothing else really matters," Elliott said.

Frank O'Mara, of Ireland, had to change planes six times and spend more than 20 hours in the air just to make the start line at Gateshead. It did not affect his performance, though, in the 5,000 metres, as he beat Eamonn Martin, the United Kingdom 10,000 metres record holder, in an exciting finish.

O'Mara, the world indoor 3,000 metres champion, then had to start out again as he retraced his journey back to the United States. He is due to sit a law examination at the University of Arkansas tomorrow.

Martin, at least, held on to his title as Basildon's No. 1 runner as he beat his training partner, Rob Denmark, into third.

In the women's mile, Ann Williams, of Sale, came through strongly to win as Kirsty Wade's legs buckled in the last few metres.

RESULTS: Men's mile: 1, P Elliott (Rotherham), 4min 02sec; 2, H Phelipoteau (Fr), 4:02; 3, K McKay (Sale), 4:04; 4, N Hopkins (Reigate Priory), 4:08; 5, C Robb (Liverpool), 4:08; 6, N Horsfield (Newport), 4:07. Men's 5,000 metres: 1, F O'Mara (Eire), 13:48; 2, E Martin (Basildon), 13:50; 3, R Denmark (Gateshead), 13:51; 4, D Lewis (Rossendale), 13:52; 5, P Taylor (Copeland), 13:53; 6, N Adams (Swansea) 13:57. Women's mile: 1, A Williams (Sale), 4:37; 2, K Wade (Blaydon), 4:37; 3, L York (Leicester), 4:41; 4, B Nicholson (Tipton), 4:41; 5, D Gunning (Swindon), 4:46; 6, U McKay (Armadale), 4:50.



Record going: Raty unleashes the unexpected big one yesterday at Shizuoka

Finn takes Backley record

SEPPO Raty, of Finland, removed Steve Backley's name from the record books by hurling the javelin 91.98 metres in Shizuoka, Japan, yesterday, a full metre farther than the Briton threw last July.

At the same meeting, Sergei Bubka, of the Soviet Union, broke his three-year-old outdoor record in the pole vault with 6.07m, an improvement of one centimetre. At Grenoble on March 23 the Ukrainian had raised his own world record indoor mark to 6.12.

Bubka has set new heights in the pole vault ten times in succession outdoors and has improved his indoor record four times this winter, an unprecedented series of record breaking in athletics.

Both records caught the crowd by surprise, especially that of Raty. The meeting appeared to be a warm-up for the world championships in Tokyo in August. The Finn, who is world champion, looked in indifferent form with opening throws of 77.68 and 77.36 metres.

Then he entered the record books, bearing his personal best by more than five metres. "The ground in the stadium was soft and didn't suit me on my first two throws," he added. "I have seen the ground in the Tokyo stadium and I think that will suit me better. I expect a lot in the summer."

Backley set his record of 90.98m last July 20.

Said Aouita, the world record-holder over 1,500 and 5,000 metres, finished a modest sixth in the men's 1,500 metres, only his second appearance on the track since a leg operation last year. He said he was pleased with the race, which he ran in 3min 45.89sec.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League Second division

Barnsley v Newcastle (7.45)
Notts County v Ipswich (7.45)
Oldham v Middlesbrough (all ticket)

Third division

Cambridge Utd v Bradford (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Reading
Southend v Leyton Orient (7.45)
Tranmere v Preston

Fourth division

Blackpool v Northampton
Doncaster v Torquay (7.45)
Peterborough v Hereford
Scunthorpe v Wrexham

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): First division: Coventry v Newcastle; Everton v Nottm Forest; Rotherham v Leicester.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Norwich (7.00); Watford v Southampton.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Maine Road (Man); Colwyn Bay v Vauxhall GM; Darwen v Clitheroe; Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich; Skelmersdale v Knowsley.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wealdstone v Sutton United.

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.00, 55 overs

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Yorkshire.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Somerset.
DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire.
GLASGOW (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Warwickshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Somerset.
BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TROPHY: Eastbourne: Sussex v Kent. Finchley: Middlesex v Essex. Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

REAL TENNIS: British professional singles championship (Holyport).
ROWING: Northern universities boat race (Manchester).

MOTOR SPORT

Britons leave field behind in flying style

MONZA (AP) – The British drivers, Derek Warwick and Martin Brundle, took their Jaguar to victory in the second event of the 1991 world sport and prototype championship at the Monza autodrome yesterday.

The winners completed 75 laps, or 435km in 2hr 5min 42.846sec at an average speed of 207.614kph. Teo Fabi, of Italy, in another Jaguar, was second, one lap behind.

The French-German team of Jean Louis Schlesser and Jochen Mass, in a Mercedes, finished third, two laps behind. Schlesser and Mass hold first place in the world drivers' standings with 27 points each after two races.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 11

FIRST DIVISION
1 Arsenal v Coventry
2 A Villa v Chelsea
1 C Palace v Man Utd
1 Liverpool v Tottenham
2 Luton v Derby
1 Man City v Sunderland
X Notts F v Leeds
X QPR v Everton
1 Sheff Utd v Norwich
2 South'pton v Wimbledon

SECOND DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Middlesbro
X Brighton v Ipswich
1 Bristol R v West Brom
1 Leicester v Oxford
1 Millwall v Blackburn
1 Newcastle v Hull
2 Oldham v Sheff Wed
2 Plymouth v Charlton
X Port Vale v Swindon
1 Watford v Bristol C
X West Ham v Notts Co
2 Wolves v Portsmouth

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bolton v Chester
X Bradford v Rotherham
1 Cambridge v Swansea
1 Crewe v Mansfield
2 Fulham v Leyton O
1 Grimsby v Exeter
1 Hudd'field v Birmingham
2 Preston v Wigan
X Reading v Stoke
2 Shrewsbury v Bour'm'th
1 Southend v Brentford
1 Tranmere v Bury

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Burnley v Wrexham
1 Cardiff v Maidstone
X Chest'field v Peterboro
1 Darlington v Rochdale
X Gillingham v Doncaster
1 Halifax v Aldershot
1 Hartlepool v North'pton
X Lincoln v Carlisle
1 Scarboro v Hereford
2 Stockport v Scunthorpe
1 Torquay v York
X Walsall v Blackpool

SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Dund'mline v Dundee U
1 Hearts v Motherwell
X Rangers v Aberdeen
2 St Johnst'n v Celtic
2 St Mirren v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Ayr v Kilmarnock
2 Clyde v Morton
1 Clydebank v Partick
1 Falkirk v Meadowb'k
1 Forfar v Brechin
2 Hamilton v Dundee
2 Raith v Airdrie

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Arbroath v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v Alloa; Dumbarton v Queen's Park, East Fife v Berwick; East Stirling v Albion; Queen of the South v Montrose; Stenhousemuir v Stirling Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Nottingham Forest, Queen's Park Rangers, Brighton, Port Vale, West Ham, Reading, Chesterfield, Gillingham, Lincoln, Walsall, Rangers, Ayr.
BEST DRAWS: Nottingham Forest, Brighton, Reading, Gillingham, Walsall.
AWAYS: Chelsea, Charlton, Portsmouth, Wigan, Bournemouth.
HOMES: Crystal Palace, Manchester City, Millwall, Newcastle, Watford, Bolton, Cambridge, Grimsby, Tranmere, Darlington, Falkirk, Forfar.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Crystal Palace, Newcastle, Bolton, Cambridge, Grimsby. Aways: Chelsea, Portsmouth, Wigan. Draws: Brighton, Reading, Walsall.

● Vince Wright

SWIMMING

O'Connor family celebrates

IRISH eyes were smiling in the New Ross, Co. Wexford, household of the O'Connor family last night after Adrian extended the tally of national backstroke records broken at the 12th Speedo meeting at Cardiff, by him and his sister, Niamh, to five (Craig Lord writes).

Before the closing session at the Empire Pool, Adrian and Niamh had broken two records each. The 200 metres (2min 5.65sec) and 50 metres (27.08sec) for him, the 50 metres (31.16sec) and 100 metres (1min 5.97sec) for her. Last night Adrian outdid his sister by slicing 0.16sec off the national best at 100 metres to take his third backstroke title.

Austyn Shortman cruised to yet another easy win in an average 100 metres freestyle field on Sunday.

CYCLING

Boardman passes first test

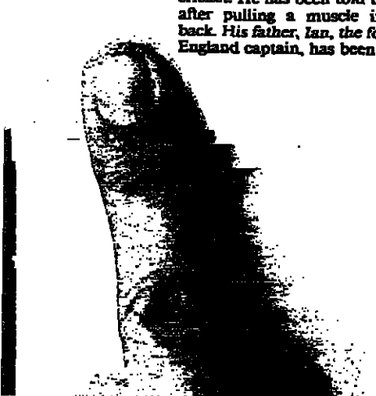
CHRIS Boardman, who has as his target a contract with a continental road team, successfully came through a hard first-step apprenticeship yesterday when he won the 296-mile amateur tour of Lancashire (Peter Bryan writes).

A specialist short distance time trialist, an outstanding hill climber and Britain's best track pursuit cyclist, Boardman showed all those qualities in the four-day Lancashire event.

He had laid the foundations well Friday when he finished clear of opposition in the prologue 3.3-mile time trial climb.

RESULTS: Final overall: 1, C Boardman (NW Centre of Excellence), 11hr 03min 07sec; 2, H McMurdo (PCA), at 20sec; 3, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), at 30sec. King of the mountains: A Timmes (British Eagle). Stage 4 (circuit of Chorley, 96 miles): 1, S Spencer (SE Midlands), 3hr 45min 55sec; 2, S Douce (Dawes), at 15sec; 3, C Walker (Banana-Falcon), at 16sec.

MOSCOW: Women's event: 200 metres (with a flying start): G Yemyakina (11.05Tsec).
PAIGNTON: English Riviera Classic (stage 4, 111 miles): 1, P Foley (SW Centre of Excellence), 3hr 00min 29sec; 2, A Hitchens, (SW Centre of Excellence) 5:00:41; 3, A Parks (Royal Sutton CC), 5:00:51. Overall (after 280 miles): 1, A Peck, 11:13:18; 2, P Foley 11:13:44; 3, M Jones (Royal Sutton CC), 11:14:39.
HOLME VALLEY WHEELERS: 25 miles time trial: 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 52min, 15sec; 2, I Cammish (Raleigh), 54:25; 3, L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers RC) 56:15. Team: N Lance Claiton (3rd fastest counter), 1:02:10.
HAMPSHIRE RC: 25 miles: 1, R Thorne (Polytechnic CC), 57:31; 2, I Cargill (Alton CC) 58:21; 3, D Smith (Polytechnic CC), 58:33. Team: Brighton Excelsior 3:05:48.
CC ABERGAVENNY: 10 miles: 1, A Owen (CC Abergavenny), 21.58; 2, I Gaffiths (Bracon Yth), 22:12; 3, D Rogers (Owncare Paragon), 22:15. Team: CC Abergavenny 1:11:48.
CALDER CLARON CC: 10 miles: 1, M McNamara (Rossington CC), 20:42; 2, S Blagdon (Manchester Wh), 23:20; 3, M Pitchford (Knaresborough CC), 23:23. Team: Calder Claron CC, 1:12:55





FOOTBALL

Warnock has eyes on an automatic promotion place

DO NOT try to tell Neil Warnock that the second division's three automatic promotion places are all but filled: Warnock and Notts County are convinced that there is still a twist left in the tail-end of an already superb season at Meadow Lane.

County have their eyes on the third promotion slot presently occupied by the Rumbelows Cup-winners, Sheffield Wednesday, and victory tonight against Ipswich Town would bring them to within a point of both. It may seem an improbable dream for the city of Nottingham's oldest club, but that does not deter Warnock.

"No side has advanced as much as we have in the last two seasons, and I do not subscribe to the view that we have come too far too fast," Warnock, the County manager, said after overcoming Oldham Athletic — themselves already promoted — on Saturday. He hardly need add that he would nevertheless like to go a little further.

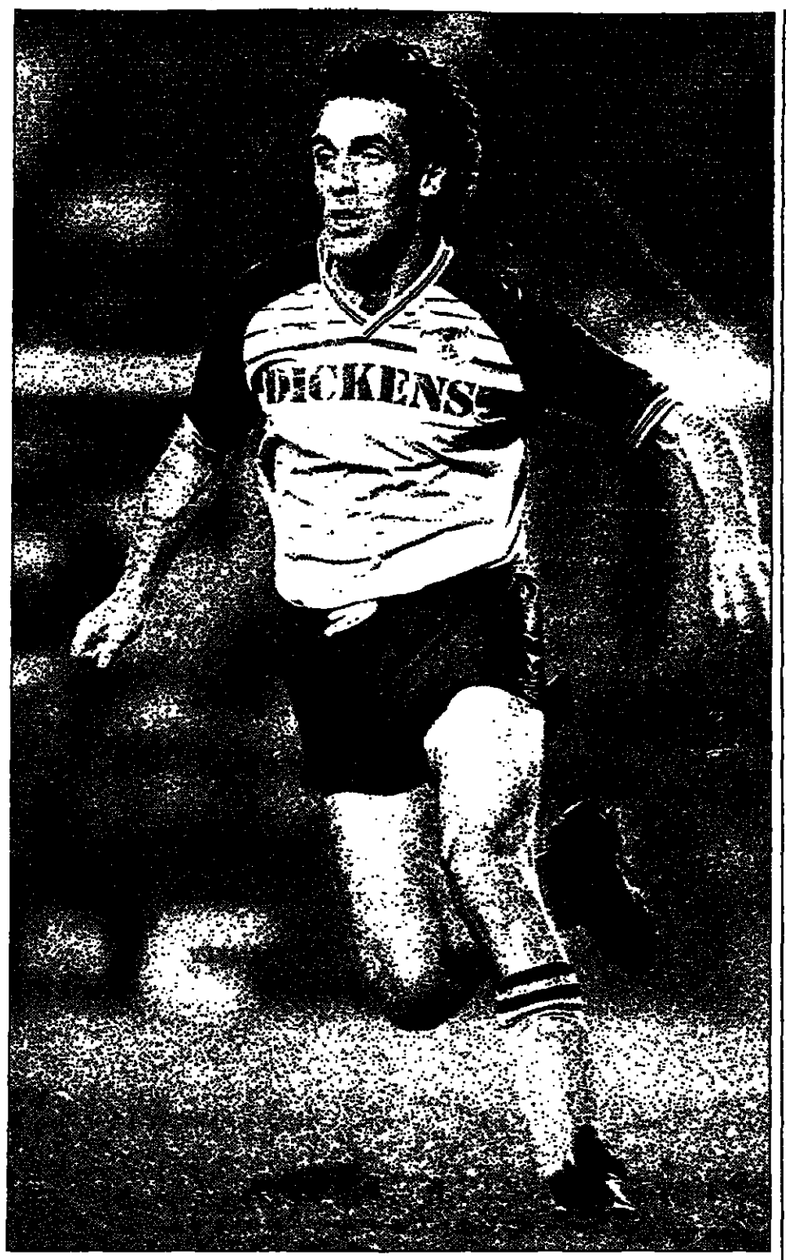
Ipswich, managed by John Lyall, once the helmsman at West Ham United, are unlikely to deny Warnock. Though a creative footballing side, they lack the cutting edge needed to trouble the central defensive partnership of Dean Yates and Craig Short that has been at the heart of County's success. Both would now command fees approaching £1 million if they were to appear on the transfer market, and have formed the finest pairing outside the first division. They, as much as the burgeoning promise of David Draper in midfield and the prolific form of David Regis up front, are the reasons for Warnock's confidence.

Then again, if Notts County do miss out, the play-offs will hold no fears for them: after all, they did win promotion to the second division last season after winning the end-of-season festival at Wembley, beating the more-fancied Tranmere Rovers.

Middlesbrough only have the play-offs to aim for. Tonight, they travel to Oldham for another top-of-the-table encounter.

Oldham still covet the second division's championship trophy, and on their plastic pitch should get the victory they are looking for, but Middlesbrough are still on a high after beating play-off rivals Brighton at the weekend and have, in the forward, Bernie Slaven, an Eire international capable of stealing goals and points. Oldham have a doubt over Gunnar Halle, the Norwegian international full back, who has a groin strain, but he will play if he passes a fitness test before the kick-off.

Barnsley would, with victory tonight at home to Newcastle United, leapfrog over Brighton into the play-off frame. Inconsistency has been their problem in the final stages of the season, and they will need to be at their best to deny Newcastle, revived under the managership of Ossie Ardiles. Newcastle's players have a further motivation: three more players were yesterday put on the transfer list at St James's Park — Neil Simpson, Billy Askew and Scott Sloan — with the message that those still in favour are playing for their futures.



Aiming for the play-offs: Slaven, of Middlesbrough, leading a promotion challenge

LEAGUE CRICKET RESULTS

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Ashington 215-5, Blyth 177-7; Tynemouth 238-7, County Club 46-3 Rain: South Northumberland 162-7, v Percymain rain; Morpeth 65, Benwell 66-3; Benwell Hill 219-8, Backworth 219-9; Tynedale 165-8, Alnwick 97-4.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: South Shields 127-8, Eppleton 5 for no wicket, rain; Boldon 245-2, Wearmouth 6 for no wicket, rain; Gateshead Fell 156-8, v Burnmoor, rain; Seaham Harbour 149, Hordon 150-2, Sunderland 200-5, Whitburn 4 for no wicket, rain, Philadelphia 111-7, v Durham City, rain.

FAWCUS: GROUSE WESTERN LEAGUE: Weston super Mare 113-8, Bath 115-3; Clifton Flax Bourton 155-4, Malmesbury 125-8; Imperial 152-9, Downend 158-4; Cardiff 183-7, Lansdown 102; Midsomer Norton 170-8, Swindon 139; Optimists 194-3 (H Ellison 105 no) Keynsham 150-9; Gloucester City 145-8, St Pagans 128-9; Newport 72, Westbury-on-Trym 74-4.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Old Northamptonians 163-7, Bedford 117-9; Wellingborough Town 166-9, Horton House 167-5, Irthlingborough 157-9, Overstone 144-8; Isham 165-9, Old Wellingborians 40; Kettering 131-9, County Clubs 134-3; Peterborough 160-6, Wolverton 37.

BASSETLAW LEAGUE: Blidworth 200-5, Kiveton Park 70-7; Clipstone 118-9, Chesterfield 52; Mansfield Hosiery Mills 139-8, Blyth 149-5; Retford 112, Ferrybridge 113-1; Boston 205-6 (D Fraser-Darling 102 no), Staveley 99-6; Welbeck 180-8, Notts Colts 88-8.

BURTONWOOD BREWERY MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION: Grappenhall 134-8, Winton 61; Didsbury 141-9, St Helen's 88; Cheetham Hill 121, Widnes 122-5; Newton-le-Willows 176-5, Wooley 165-6.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 167-9, Aston Unity 139-7; Kidderminster 242-3, Mitchell and Butlers 171-3; Moseley 201-4 (S Green 112 no), Stourbridge 181; Old Hill 154-8, Smethwick 103-9; West Bromwich Dartmouth 219-3, Walsall 200-9; Coventry and North Warwicks 156-3, Worcester City 84.

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Walsall 139-8, Coventry Highway 144-6; Wednesfield 200-7, Walsley 165-6, Redditch 141-7, Staveley 126; Droitwich 112, Aston Manor 109; Pershore 141-9, Old Edwardians 105.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Leicester Ivanhoe 168, Stoneycliffe 159-9; Bedworth 173, Lutterworth 174-7; Northampton Saints 139-5, Nuneaton 142-2; Hinckley Town 169-7, Loughborough 137-6; Water Orton 159-8, Rugby 160-2.

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Normanby Hall 205-6 Saltburn 162-8, Hartlepool 213-4 Redcar 176-8, Darlington RA 169 Ryhill 47-3 rain, Northallerton 118 Darlington 117-4, Bishop Auckland 132 Billingham 133-8, Stockton 95 Thornaby 99-1, Norton 178-7 Middlesbrough 178-2, Marske 129 Guisborough 105-8.

ALLIED DUNBAR BRADFORD LEAGUE: Hanging Heaton 150, Bradford and Bingley 53-0; Yeadon 235-4, Drighlington 146-5; East Ilkley 165-8, Ilkley 168-8; Bankfoot 205-8, Manningham Mills 200-3; Keighley 102, Pudsey St. Lawrence 106-3; Undercliffe 247-2, Spen Victoria 150-8; Baildon 175, Yorkshire Bank 176-8.

MATTHEW BROWN NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chorley 202-6, Lancaster 165-7; Kendal 199-5, Darwen 122-9; Preston 114, Leyland 115-0; Morecambe 173-6, Blackpool 174-3; Fleetwood 70, Netherfield 72-5; St Anne's 131, Leyland DAF 83.

WHITBREAD RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Cheryton 142, Barnoldswick 139; Read 105-9, Earby 107-5; Settle 123-8, Great Harwood 128-3; Blackburn Northern 149-8, Padiham 151-9; Ribblesdale Wanderers 120, Bowerden 121-2; Hailey 141-7, Clitheroe 143-5.

HOCKEY

England hustled out of their stride by Spain

Spain 2
England 0

FROM ALEX RAMSAY IN BRUSSELS

ENGLAND suffered their first defeat in the women's European Cup yesterday, losing in a disappointing match. It was not much of a way to celebrate the hundredth cap of their captain, Sandie Lister.

By dropping two points England have now lost their cushion at the top of Group B and are only just ahead of Scotland on goal difference. The only good thing to come out of yesterday's defeat is the chance that England may now avoid meeting the Netherlands in the semi-finals.

For the first 15 minutes the game needed a goal to liven it up. It was the Spanish who scored it, Dorado putting away a penalty corner. This was not what England needed.

When Jane Sixsmith has a quiet game, England has a quiet game. Yesterday she was not getting the service or the space she needed. England could not put together a coherent attack. They were denied time and room in which to work. More often than not they were caught in possession as the Spanish hustled and bustled in midfield.

For periods in the first half it was a strange, passionless match, with England looking nothing like the team who had overcome the Soviet Union two days earlier. There were times when England only looked good going backwards.

Spain scored again shortly after the interval, putting together a simple but impressive move. A couple of touches and the English defence was dismantled as Gabellanes buried her shot from the edge of the circle. By now Spain were on a roll, Dorado, Manrique and Abad all looked likely to undo England again with long, accurate and intelligent balls bypassing England's backs. The contrast when England came forward was startling. As the Spanish defended in numbers England's passing was lacking in accuracy and vision.

England's old weakness, the penalty corner, was also back in evidence. From nine corners they only managed three shots on target and as the game progressed they looked less and less confident.

England must now win tomorrow's game against France and win it well if they are to stand a chance of qualifying as group winners. Elsewhere, Scotland limped past Austria 3-0 in an uninspired match, thanks to goals from McLeod, Fraser and McDonald.

ENGLAND: V Hallam, K Brown, S Lister (captain) J Atkins, V Dixon, L Beyless, M Nevill (sub: A Sowerby), J Lewis (sub J Smith), T Miller, K Johnson, J Sixsmith.
SPAIN: M Gonzalez, N Dorado, M Bana, S Manrique, N Gabellanes (sub: C Correa), M Rodriguez, S Barrio, E Manrique, C Abad, M Coghen (subs: V Ramirez), I Mitxelena.

Bass leaves it late

NEW champions emerged from the Nationwide Anglia Youth Cup finals at Coventry yesterday with Calday Grange, from Wirral, winning at under-18 level and Homerton House, from Hackney, taking the under-16 title (Sydney Friskin writes).

Calday Grange who defeated Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, 3-2 in the final after extra time, built their success around the exploits of Alex Bass who had a total of five goals yesterday, two in the final and all three in the semi-final against Havant whom they defeated 3-2.

In the final he saved his side from defeat with a goal from a short corner on the stroke of full-time. Jonathan Wyatt, the captain of RGS High Wycombe, had a total of seven goals for the tournament, one in the final.

RESULTS: Under-18: Semi-finals: KGS 4, Cheltenham College 1; Homerton House 1, Hall Cross 1 (Homerton won 2-1 on penalty strokes). Final: Homerton 2, KGS 1. Under-16: Semi-finals: Havant 2, Calday Grange 3; RGS 3, Sherbourne 0. Final: Calday Grange 3, RGS 2 (aet).

☐ Middlesex, the holders, and Yorkshire, last year's runners-up, will meet in the county championship semi-finals at Plymouth on May 18. Kent and Somerset contest the other semi-final.

POLO

Lucas leads the Broncos revival

By JOHN WATSON

LORD Milford Haven's Broncos won the Tyro Cup, beating Panthers (received ½) 10-7½, over five chukkas at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. Panthers, a balanced squad with the Seavill brothers working well together and Charles Seavill dispatching the first two goals of the afternoon, led comfortably through the first half. William Roberts, their No. 1, found the Broncos flags on four occasions in the second chukka.

By the third, however, Broncos — centred on two six-goalers, Will Lucas and the Argentinian, Tomás Ezcurra — had found their form. From then on they frequently pressed the Panthers goalmouth. In the second half, Panthers were penalised on several occasions for crossing their opponents line, and Broncos converted three penalty awards. For the winners, Lucas scored six goals, three from the open and three from penalties.

Afterwards, in one of two league matches for the Texaco Trophy, Polo Plus beat Grafham 5-2.

Andrew Seavill adopted the No. 3 spot for Polo Plus, thus playing ten consecutive chukkas. He was supported by his forwards, Jonathan and Adrian Wade, while his back, Fane, was reliable in defence.

BRONCOS: 1, G Farley (1); 2, W Lucas (6); 3, T Ezcurra (6). Back: Lord Milford Haven (2).
PANTHERS: 1, W Roberts (3); 2, C Seavill (4); 3, A Seavill (5). Back: M Franklin (2).
POLO PLUS: 1, J Wade (4); 2, A Wade (4); 3, A Seavill (5). Back: T Fane (2).
GRAFFHAM: 1, H Brett (0); 2, H Galindo (6); 3, D Jamieson (3). Back: P Churchward (4).
SOUTHERN RESOURCES: 1, C Vivian Smith (2); 2, J Santos (5); 3, M Brown (5). Back: R Hissom (3).
PSI: 1, P Hewett (0); 2, O Ellis (5); 3, S McKenzie (6). Back: T Hanlon (2).

POWERBOATING

Curtis struck by engine problem

By BRYAN STILES

STEVE Curtis, the former world class one offshore champion, of Southampton, was thwarted by a blown drive shaft in his attempt at a winning start to the European season at St Tropez at the weekend.

He was lying second on the second lap, in his catamaran, Bagutta, after experiencing trouble with his oil pressure when he was hit by the mechanical problem. The race was won by the Italian driver, Damiano Spelta.

Stuart Raven, of Hayling Island, collected the Spithead Trophy in the United Kingdom Offshore Boating Association's first race of the season, off Portsmouth. Driving his new 36ft boat, which is powered by two 425hp mercruiser petrol engines, he averaged 52.92knots in the rough seas.

Steven Palmer, of Walthamstow, made a triumphal entry to offshore racing. He had his boat, Geronomo, officially measured on Friday and obtained his racing certificate, then he went on to defy the unhelpful conditions to collect the 1.3-litre title.

Richard Strutton, of Denham, produced the only win by a catamaran driver, picking up the 4-litre title with Petrel Stainless Steel.

RESULTS: St Tropez: European Class One Championship: D Spelta, Italy, in G.P. Pedoni.

Portsmouth: United Kingdon Offshore Boating Association: Portsmouth Challenge Trophy: S Raven, Hayling Island, Hanton Atlas Computers, av speed 52.92knots. 2-litre: S Wood-Power, Ross on Wye, Frode 23, 50.44. 4-litre: R Strutton, Denham, Petrel Stainless Steel, 70. 1.3-litre: S Palmer, Walthamstow, Geronimo, 30.12. Cruiser P2: R Marthdale, Abbots Langley, 52.58.

BOXING

Todd and Culshaw stir the memories

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IT MIGHT not be the greatest crop of amateurs but the individual talent of at least two in the ABA championship finals at the Albert Hall tonight should remind us of the best of the Sixties and Seventies, the years of Chris Finnegan, Ken Buchanan, John Conteh, Alan Minter, Charlie Magri and Pat Cowdell.

They are at opposite ends of the scales: Anthony Todd, a light-heavyweight from Darlington, and Peter Culshaw, a light-flyweight from Huyton.

Todd could be the most exciting find since Chris Finnegan. His quiet, almost academic, disposition belies his boxing skills. "You would never know he was a boxer," Ian Irwin, the England coach, says. But he has amassed almost as many honours as a Russian general.

Todd has a tough and experienced opponent in Geoff Donaldson, aged 27, from Basingstoke, but he should win.

The all-action Culshaw, who disposed of the highly rated former ABA champion, Nick Tooley and Mark Hughes, the Welsh champion, inside the distance, should prove too lively for the Scot, Alan Mooney.

PAIRINGS: Light-flyweight: P Culshaw (Huyton) v A Mooney (Sydney Street). Fly: M Horobin (St Pancras) v P Ingle (Scarborough); Bantam: M Gibbons (South Bank) v D Hardie (Gallowgate). Feather: M Bowers (Pinewood Starr) v J Irwin (Tom Hill). Light: P Gallagher (Angel) v P Ramsey (Small Heath). Light-welter: J Mathews (Aberbargoed) v G Smith (Canvey). Welter: J Calzache (Newbridge) v T French (Royal Navy). Light-middle: L Ferrie (Triumph) v T Taylor (Repton). Middle: M Edwards (Royal Navy) v E Noi (Moss Side). Light-heavy: G Donaldson (Basingstoke) v A Todd (Darlington). Heavy: P Lawson (Repton) v D Roberts (Willaston). Super-heavy: G Evans (Leith Victoria) v K McCormack (Coed Eva).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Certain for Birkdale

BEN Crenshaw and Craig Stadler are guaranteed automatic places in the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale in July according to the the latest world rankings. With two weeks to go for exemption from the qualifying tournament via the list, the two experienced Americans, plus David Frost of South Africa and Peter Senior of Australia, cannot lose their top 50 slots, the cut-off point for Birkdale.

RANKING: 1, I Woosnam (GB), 20.12 pts; 2, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 18.41; 3, N Faldo (GB), 16.76; 4, G Norman (Aus), 14.96; 5, P Azinger (US), 11.44; 6, P Stewart (US), 10.88; 7, M McNulty (Zim), 9.63; 8, C Strange (US), 9.44; 9, B Langer (Ger), 9.32; 10, L Wadkins (US), 9.19.

☐ Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, came from two strokes back to win the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, Texas, by one stroke over Craig Stadler.

CANOEING: Lynn Simpson, the British women's kayak champion, is excluded from the Great Britain team for the world championships in Yugoslavia from June 19 to 23 after finishing 11th in the first trial race.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The two European rivals of the London Monarchs, due to play San Antonio Riders last night in the World League, kept the pressure on, Barcelona Dragons beating Birmingham Fire and Frankfurt Galaxy defeating Orlando Thunder.

HANG GLIDING: Steve Elkins, of Bradwell, Derbyshire, won the second round of the British championship in mid-Wales, completing the 30km race from Llandinam in an hour and flying a further 31km before landing near Llandovery.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): New York/New Jersey Knights 21, Raleigh-Durham Skymen 6. COCA-COLA LEAGUE: Final division: Brighton 952v 28, Portsmouth Warriors 8; Leeds Cougars 20, Manchester Spartans 7; Nottingham Hoods 26, Glasgow Lions 32. London Olympians 42, Bournemouth Bob Cats 8; Birmingham Bulls 52, Gateshead Senators 12. Essex Gladiators 20, Northants Storm 76. Second division: SMC 0, Meadvey Mustang 0; Milton Keynes Pioneers 8, Coventry Jaguars 50.

ATHLETICS

PITTSBURGH: Marathon: Men: H Stelley (Ger), 2hr 18min 21sec. Women: 1, L MacDougal (US), 2:42:45; 2, A Hulley (GB), 2:45:48.

SHIZUOKA, Japan: International meeting: Men: 100 metres: D Mitchell (US), 10.30sec. 8 series: S Douglas (Aus), 10.42. 200 metres: M Johnson (US), 20.22. 8 series: Daydon Dunn (US), 20.74. 400 metres: M Everett (US), 45.74. 110 metres hurdles: J Pierce (US), 13.82. 400 metres hurdles: David Patrick (US), 48.65. 1,500 metres: J Falcon (US), 3:44.43. 5,000 metres: M Iteanger (Morocco), 13:26.51. Long jump: Mike Powell (US), 8.33 metres. Javelin: S Ihey (Fin), 91.98 metres (world record). High jump: Hollis Conway (US), 2.25 metres. Triple jump: Z Stein (China), 16.55 metres. Pole vault: S Bubka (USSR), 6.07 metres (world record). Women: 100 metres: K Johnston (Aus), 11.35. 200 metres: G Jackson (Jam), 23.33. 400 metres: D Dixon (US), 51.85. 100 metres hurdles: M Pogacian (Rom), 13.07. 1,500 metres: A Chaves (Col), 4:16.87. 5,000 metres: D Tolu (Eth), 16:21.29. Long jump: Y Jiuse (China), 6.51. Javelin: P Alafaroli (Fin), 66.14. High jump: H Henkel (Ger), 1.95.

HOUSTON, Texas: Exhibition meeting: Long jump: C Lewis, 8.46 metres.

WIMBLEDON PARK: Hercules Wimbledon Open 10km road race: 1, B Meade (London Irish), 31min 55sec; 2, S Horton (Herne Hill), 32:30; 3, A Herron (Herne Hill), 32:39. Veterans: G Tuck (Hercules Wimbledon), 32:49. Women: S Gibraltar (Herne Hill), 38:04. 5km race.

HOUNSLOW: Open 10km road race: 1, M Hannon (London Irish), 31:51; 2, P Clegg (Bournemouth), 32:24; 3, P Edwards (Hounslow), 32:43. Veterans: M Duff (Aldershot), 32:44. Women: P Fudge (Hounslow), 34:28.

ROMFORD: Brewery 2km road walk: 1, S Phillips (Ilford), 13:21. Women 1: P Hodd (Cambridge Harriers), 16min.

BASILDON: Essex 5km track walking championship: 1, S Phillips (Ilford) 12m 52.02. Women: S Marne (Southend), 16:10.1.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 8, Texas Rangers 7; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Kansas City Royals 0; Minnesota Twins 5, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Boston Red Sox 9, Chicago White Sox 1; Cleveland Indians 15, Oakland A's 6; California Angels 6, Baltimore Orioles 4; Seattle Mariners 5, New York Yankees 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Red Sox	14	8	.636	—
Toronto Blue Jays	15	11	.577	1
Detroit Tigers	13	10	.565	1½
Milwaukee Brewers	13	11	.542	2
Cleveland Indians	10	11	.476	3½
Baltimore Orioles	9	14	.364	5
New York Yankees	7	14	.333	7
West division				
Oakland Athletics	15	9	.625	—
Chicago White Sox	11	10	.524	2½
California Angels	12	12	.500	3
Texas Rangers	10	10	.500	3
Minnesota Twins	12	13	.480	4
Seattle Mariners	12	13	.480	4
Kansas City Royals	9	15	.375	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 9, Atlanta Braves 6; Cincinnati Reds 4, St Louis Cardinals 2; San Diego Padres 8, Montreal Expos 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Houston Astros 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; San Francisco Giants 2, New York Mets 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division				
Pittsburgh Pirates	16	9	.625	—
New York Mets	14	10	.583	1
St Louis Cardinals	14	11	.560	1½
Chicago Cubs	12	13	.480	3½
Philadelphia Phillies	11	14	.440	4½
Montreal Expos	9	15	.375	6
West division				
Cincinnati Reds	13	10	.565	—
San Diego Padres	14	11	.560	—
Los Angeles Dodgers	12	12	.500	1½
Atlanta Braves	11	11	.500	1½
Houston Astros	10	13	.435	3
San Francisco Giants	9	15	.375	4½

UK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Nottingham Hornets 8, Cambridge Royals 6; Liverpool Tigers 10, Enfield Spartans 13; Humberside Mets 3, Nottingham Rebels 14. Postponed: Essex Arrows v London Athletics.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First round: Boston Celtics 134, Indiana Pacers 121 (Celtics win best of five series 3-0); Detroit Pistons 113, Atlanta Hawks 81 (Pistons win 3-2). Second round: Los Angeles Lakers 126, Golden State Warriors 116 (Lakers lead 1-0).

BOWLS

JERSEY: Seven countries international tournament: Pairs: Fifth round: England bt Israel 31-13; Jersey bt Wales 25-17; Scotland bt Guernsey 24-15; Wales bt Jersey 20-16, Israel bt England 21-9; Scotland bt Guernsey 24-11. Sixth round: Guernsey bt Jersey 22-12; England bt Ireland 19-13; Scotland bt Israel 20-15. Seventh round: Israel bt Ireland 22-17; England bt Guernsey 22-21; Scotland bt Wales 20-14. Triples: Sixth round: Jersey bt Guernsey 24-13; Scotland bt Israel 17-15; England bt Ireland 19-13; Seventh round: Israel bt Ireland 14-11; Wales bt Scotland 18-14; England bt Guernsey 25-10.

WATERLOO SPRING HANDICAP: Final: G Cookson (Wrexford) bt C Bebbington (Warrington), 21-11.

SWIMMING

CARDIFF: Speedo meet: 100 metres backstroke: A O'Connor (New Ross), 58.08sec (new Irish record). 200m medley: C Jones (Cardiff), 2min 08.70sec (new Welsh record).

TABLE TENNIS

CHINA, Japan: World Championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt Ma Wenge (China), 21-18, 18-21, 21-7, 21-16; J Persson (Swe) bt Kim Taekwoo (Kor), 21-12, 24-22, 21-16. Final: Persson bt Waldner, 21-19, 21-18, 21-18.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Colston's 161-8dec, *Dauntsey's 140-7*; Eastbourne College 197-7dec, *Clarendon 169-7*; *King William's College*, first innings: 53, second innings: 252 (Kermode 118); St Bedes, first innings: 170-8, second innings: 55-4; Prior Park 205-8dec, *Queen Elizabeth's 139-5*; *St Edmund's College, Ware 148, The 40 Club 121*; *Wellingtonian College 205-6dec, Winchester 198-3*. (* denotes home team).

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Eight stage: 1, M M Prat (Sp), 1hr 00min 22sec; 2, R Alcala (Mex), 11sec; 3, T Cordes (Neth), 46; 4, F Echave, (Sp), same time; 5, M Indurain (Sp), 58. Overall: 1, M M Prat, 31hr 13min 21sec; 2, R Alcala, 1:14; 3, F Echave, 1:54; 4, T Cordes, 2:12; 5, H D Zabala, (Sp), 2:23.

Seventh stage: 1, J Skibby (Den), 4hr 42min 7sec; 2, S Rooks (Neth); 3, M Solanoli (It); 4, A Da Silva (Por); 5, M Elliott (GB); 6, M Meuri (Sp). Overall: 1, Meuri, 32:12:59; 2, D Zabala (Sp), 3, A Fuerte (Sp), both same time; 3, J Wallis, (Ire), 5, M Lejarreta (Sp); 6, J L Villanueva (Sp), both same time.

SPEEDWAY

INTER-LEAGUE CHALLENGE: Exeter 51 (R Green 11, P Jeffery 17), Swindon 39 (S Karger 15, A Silver 10).

SUNBRITE BRITISH LEAGUE GOLD CUP: Reading 44 (T Wilkinhe 10, J Andersson 8) Oxford 46 (M Dugard 14 H Nielsen 14); Ipswich 48 (T Richardson 11, D Gilchrist 8, C Louis 9), Wimbledon 44 (A Grahame 14, 9 Ott 13); Rye House 51 (T O'Brien 12, M Goodwin 9), Milton Keynes 39 (T Butler 13, G Kennett 13).

WINDSURFING

JAPAN: PBA World Tour sometime world cup: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp), 2:1; 2, A Bringdal (Swe), 12; 3, R Naish (US), 18; 4, R Tarbateau (Fr), 20. Women: 1, J Mueller (Ger), 3.4; 2, B Dunkerbeck (Sp), 8.7; 3, J Crisp (Aus), 9.

YACHTING

LYTHAM ST ANNES: America's Cup send yachting (Positions after two days): Unlimited: 1, N Erstbrodan (US); 2, C Palmer (NZ); 3, B Lambert (Fr), 6 sq metres: 1, Palmer; 2, M Hampton (GB); 3, G Rowland (GB), 5 sq metres: 1, J P Kitscher (US); 2, L Guerin (Fr).

SUTTON BINGHAM SC: Miracle South West area championships: 1, D Southwell and I Southwell (Leigh and Lowton SC); 2, D and M Raines (Leigh and Lowton SC); 3, B Goucher and A Neal (Worthing SC); 4, R Small and D Millen (Chichester SC).

CORINTHIAN YC, Bristol: Merlin Rocket Inland Championships: 1, P and J King, Savage, (Bristol Corinthian YC); 2, N Harris and J Stephenson, Tango Two (Burwell); 3, M Calvert and D Luca, Shared Affair (Burton SC); 4, D and S Townend, Nice Legs (Hollingworth SC).

JIM BEAM NATIONAL SERIES: Lechow (Olympic class): Men: 1, J Hutchcroft; 2, M Weirens; 3, H Plumb. Women: 1, P Way, 7.5 metre race board heavy: 1, J Anderson; 2, G Cribb; 3, B Dawkins. 7.5 metre race board light: 1, G Bodle; 2, R Barsby; 3, M Birt. Women: 7.5 metre race board: 1, P Tyler; 2, C Lapworth; 3, R Evans.

MIRROR INLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, C Lynham (Rickmansworth SC); 2, M Chadwick (Penzance SC); 3, C Goodman (Bexhill SC); 4, D Warren (Burton SC); 5, L Turnbull (Wigan SC); 6, R Pitford (Wigan SC).

RED WHARF BAY, Anglesey: Northern Area Dart 15 Championships: Sprint: 1, M Camm; 2, B Carter; 3, W Tusting. First standard: R Hancock. 2, J Adamson; 3, G Wood.

GOLF

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: (Ryder Cup positions in brackets): 1, (1) S Richardson (Eng), £169,774.26; 2, (2) D Feherty (N Ire), £110,745.67; 3, (3) J M Olazabal (Sp), £93,857.97; 4, (4) M McLean (Eng), £80,099.75; 5, (5) A Mackenzie (Sp), £75,057.13; 6, V Singh (Fiji), £76,119.46; 7, (6) I Woosnam (Wal) and B Langer (Ger), £66,660; 9, (8) S Torrance (Scot), £60,854.17; 10, C Parry (Aus), £59,855.

US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, L Wadkins, $546,012; 2, R Mediate, $478,359; 3, I Woosnam (GB), $478,669; 4, C Pavin, $464,092; 5, D Love, $431,336; 6, P Azinger, $419,383; 7, S Pate, $392,075; 8, S Elebgton (Aus), $382,729; 9, A Magee, $346,639; 10, C Strange, $319,081.

WOOLMARK ORDER OF MERIT: (Women): (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, L Davies, £19,726; 2, S Smallwood, £15,918; 3, D Reid, £14,926; 4, A Nicholas, £13,257; 5, C Panton-Lewis, £10,309; 6, T Abitbol (Sp), £10,251; 7, C Soules (Fr), £9,232; 8, A Oxenstierna (Swe), £5,536; 9, G Stewart, £5,327; 10, F Descampe (Bel), £5,152.

LPGA TOUR: Money winners: 1, P Sheehan, $202,703; 2, B Daniel, $161,973; 3, D Mochrie, $140,858; 4, D Ammacapane, $135,753; 5, J Geddes, $126,552; 6, M Mallon, $124,224; 7, A Alcott, $123,315; 8, N Lopez, $121,409; 9, D Richard, $110,415; 10, C Panick, $101,288.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Sara Lee classic women's tournament: (US unless stated): 205: N Lopez, 65, 70, 71. 208: K Monaghan, 67, 71, 70. 209: S Steinhauer, 68, 69, 73. 210: C Rarick, 68, 71, 71; M Figueroa-Dotti (Sp), 69, 69, 72. British placing: 218: K Davies, 71, 73, 72.

DESERT INN COUNTRY CLUB, Las Vegas: Senior Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 204: C Chi Rodriguez, 70, 65, 69. 207: W Zambriski, 69, 70, 68. 208: G Player (SA), 69, 69, 71. 209: B Nichols, 70, 70, 69. 209: B Charles (NZ), 71, 69, 71. 210: B Crampton, 67, 71, 72. 211: J Colbert, 68, 73, 70; R Thompson, 68, 72, 71.

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270: N Price (Zim), 68, 64, 70, 68. 271: C Stadler, 68, 68, 70, 67. 272: C Pavin, 68, 65, 69, 69; S Simpson, 66, 68, 68, 69; H Sutton, 69, 68, 67, 69; R Floyd, 67, 68, 67, 69. 273: L Wadkins, 68, 71, 65, 69. 276: L Roberts, 71, 68, 68, 70; T Watson, 65, 69, 70, 71; K Otte, 68, 65, 66, 76; P Blackmar, 70, 69, 65, 73. 278: J Blake, 68, 69, 70, 69; D Rumpells, 67, 70, 70, 69; K Perry, 70, 66, 69, 71; G Hallberg, 72, 64, 69, 71; R Zokol (Can), 68, 70, 67, 71; H Twitty, 69, 67, 69, 73. 277: S Utley, 67, 69, 69, 76; B Lietzke, 67, 67, 68, 75.

HANG GLIDING

LLANDINAM, Wales: British Championship: Second round: 1, G Ekins, 429 pts; 2, C Ashmen, 425; 3, M Stephens, 388; 4, B Goldsmith, 363; 5, J Flynn, Overall: 1, M Chick, 535; 2, Goldsmith, 529; 3, Ekins, 521; 4, C Ashmen, 517; 5, M Stephens, 452; 6, Flynn, 446.

HOCKEY

BRUSSELS: European women's cup: Pool A: Ireland 3, Italy 1.

MUELHEIM, Germany: Men's four-nation tournament: Pakistan 4, Spain 0; Germany 1, Australia 0 (Germany won tournament).

MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Army 2, Worcestershire 4; Lancashire 2, Dorset 4; Cambridgeshire 1, Middlesex 2. Quarter-finals: Kent 1, Warwickshire 0; Middlesex 3, Essex 2; Yorkshire 3, Dorset 2; Somerset 5, Worcestershire 2.

ORIENTEERING

CALLALY, Northumberland: TSB British relay championships: Men: 3x7.5km: 1, Edinburgh Interlopers (P Hyman, R Lee, A Kitching), 2hr 21min 21sec; 2, South Yorkshire (R Pearson, C Adams, T Tett), 2:25:13; 3, Clydesdale (D Peat, D Robertson, R Jones), 2:28:02. Women: 3x5.5km: 1, Edinburgh University (L Boyd, K Dicker); 2, Barbary (P Price); 3, Loid (G Webster), 4, Sabbatical (S Brown). Fifth race: 1, Whistle; 2, Barbary; 3, Water Rat (I Rathrege); 4, Stoll III. Overall: 1, Whistle; 2, Barbary; 3, Stoll II; 4, Water Rat.

MOTORCYCLING

KALMAR, Sweden: Swedish 500cc Grand Prix: First heat: 1, A Pantilla (Fin), 45.35.40, 2, K Nicol (GB), 45.37.20, 3, P Malin (GB), 45.41.00, 4, G Jobe (San Marino), 45.43.10, 5, L Ljungkvist (Fin), 45.47.50, 6, D Cellarius (Sw), 45.52.70, 7, P Thorpe (GB), 46.23.60, 8, V Singh (GB), 46.51.90, 12, C Hulsen (Neth), 46.55.10, 13, J Smith (GB), 47.02.40, 14, S B Mortensen, (Den), 47.04.50, 15, K van der Ven (Neth), 47.05.30. Second heat: 1, Nicoll, 45.24.70, 2, Jobe, 45.27.50, Pantilla, 45.48.10, 4, J Mersmann (Ger), 45.52.00, 5, R Wesssenraad (Bel), 45.59.70, 6, Ljungkvist, 46.01.50, 7, Geukens, 46.11.40, 8 S Bauer (Austria), 46.18.50, 9, van der Ven, 46.20.50, 10, J Martens (Lux), 46.59.50, 11, Cellarius, 46.21.30, 12, W Lilles (Sw), 46.22.30, 13, Hulsen, 46.39.00, 14, Smith, 46.43.70, 15, Thorpe, 46.44.10. Overall positions (after these races): 1, Nicoll, 102pts, 2, Jobe, 81, 3, Pantilla, 80, 4, Ljungkvist, 59, 5, Geukens, 56.

BRANDS HATCH: Transatlantic Super-bike challenge: Race 1: 1, R Haslam (GB, JPS Norton), 12min 9.02sec (89.15 mph); 2, R McElnea (GB, Lotus Yamaha), 12:09.12; 3, S Russell (US, Kawasaki), 12:09.20; 4, J Reynolds (GB, Team Green Kawasaki), 12:09.86; 5, S Rymer (GB, Lotus Yamaha), 12:13.26; 6, R Stringer (GB, Mobil Yamaha), 12:13.84. Fastest lap: Rymer 47.84, 90.95. Race 2: 1, Haslam 12:05.73 (89.65); 2, McElnea, 12:06.10; 3, Reynolds, 12:06.21; 4, Rymer, 12:06.28; 5, Russell, 12:06.37; 6, Stringer, 12:07.31. Fastest lap: Russell, 47.40 (91.41) (lap record). Race 3: 1, McElnea, 12min 02.

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Television dispute left unresolved

By PETER BALL

LIVERPOOL'S defeat by Nottingham Forest, ensuring that Arsenal had won the championship before last night's game with Manchester United, finally prevented outright hostilities breaking out between the Football League and ITV over the fee for the projected live transmission of the Arsenal match.

It did not hide a fierce and potentially damaging confrontation surfacing inside the League itself, with the president, Bill Fox, openly questioning the agreement between ITV and the League's commercial office.

As ITV warned that they had taken legal advice for the second time in a week, and the League sponsors, Barclays Bank, were dismayed by the League's refusal to present the championship trophy last night, Fox's intervention left a furious Trevor Phillips, the commercial director, considering his position. The League management committee meeting on Thursday is likely to be heated, to say the least, and Phillips's resignation cannot be ruled out.

At lunchtime yesterday, the League office in Lytham rejected ITV's claims that they had a valid contract to screen Arsenal's game against Manchester United last night, which was extra to the 21 games specified in the £13.3 million contract.

Earlier last week, Lee Walker of the commercial department, had negotiated a price of £400,000 for the rights to last night's match after Trevor East, editor of *The Match*, had offered £250,000. Phillips approved the deal as a one-off agreement.

The League administration, however, rejected the deal, Fox arguing that if this year's contract was worth £13.3 million for 21 games, the starting point for negotiation for an extra match at a crucial stage in the season should be the contract's total divided by the number of matches.

"We are looking for £619,000," Williamson said. "The game will not be televised live unless they agree to pay it, and we don't think there is any risk of ITV screening the game in defiance of the League."

The result at the City Ground ensured that the issue was not put to the test. Ironically, had last night's results worked out to leave the outcome of the championship still in the air, ITV had already offered £750,000 for both of next Saturday's games involving Arsenal and Liverpool to be transferred to Sunday for simultaneous transmission.

Although the argument over payment is open for debate, Phillips, understandably, is unhappy at the way it has been conducted in the open, and he is also unhappy that Barclays' wish to present the trophy yesterday, when the potential live coverage would have been a bonus, was not met.

"I am extremely angry," Phillips said. "The climax of the season and all the publicity is what sponsors pay for, and I have to consider the interests of a sponsor with a major £7 million contract. Just because Lytham didn't want to present the trophy on Monday night, they lock the silverware away."

The League has argued that traditionally the trophy is presented on the last Saturday of the season, but Phillips said that "tradition is all very well, but in the past they didn't have £7 million sponsorships".

There will, undoubtedly, be some sympathy for the League, many people feeling that television is already calling the tune in football too strongly, while ITV's relationship with the FA's projected breakaway League makes Lytham's resistance understandable. But once again, the League seems to have shown an unerring capacity to choose the wrong ground for a fight and present themselves in the worst possible light.

"What makes me really angry is that if anyone felt we'd undersold the game, they should have taken it up with us internally, as is standard business practice," Phillips said, "and not conduct a slanging campaign in the national press."

Liverpool hand title to Arsenal

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By CLIVE WHITE

ARSENAL yesterday became the Barclays League champions last night for the second time in three years, even before they kicked off their match against Manchester United at Highbury. They were celebrating their tenth title after Liverpool, their only challengers, had been beaten by Nottingham Forest.

Liverpool's hope of keeping the championship, which had all but disappeared with their defeat against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, was surrendered at the City Ground. They were comprehensively outplayed for the second time in three days, this time by Forest, the FA Cup finalists, who deserved to have won by a greater margin than that which the goals of Nigel Clough and Ian Woan gave them.

Two controversial penalty decisions – one for either team – thankfully did not affect the rightful outcome to a match which Liverpool never looked like winning, even though they managed to square the game against the run of play im the 56th minute from a penalty by Jan Molby.

Either through necessity or choice, Liverpool reverted to a flat back four after their tactics on Saturday of three central defenders and no sweeper had been cruelly exposed by Chelsea's pace and wit. Gary Ablett returned from injury to replace Gary Gillespie, who had a hamstring injury, in the centre of defence alongside Steve Nicol, while Molby, whose lack of pace was a serious liability against Chelsea, was moved into his more familiar and suitable slot just in front of defence.

Peter Beardsley, regularly omitted by Graeme Souness's predecessor, Kenny Dalglish, found himself made the scapegoat for failure under the new regime and was demoted to the substitutes bench. Ronnie Rosenthal was given the chance to impress the new ringmaster from the outset.

There were, however, no discernable signs of improvement from Liverpool after this tinkering and the champions were given no easier time by the team who had thrashed CHelsea, their previous tormentors, 7-0 on the same ground 16 days earlier.

No major overhaul is necessary in the case of Forest, more a matter of just keeping a finely-tuned engine ticking over nicely until their appointment with Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley on May 18. Yet it was Forest who had their revs turned up as they threatened to roar away from Liverpool in the opening half-hour. In the absence of Roy Keane, also blighted with a hamstring injury, though none too serious, Steve Hodge was given the opportunity to prove after a two-month absence, mostly through injury, that he was good enough for his club and not just England, for whom he turned out in Turkey as a substitute last week. Whether he has done enough to keep his place remains to be seen.

Another with a point to prove with regard to Wembley was Brian Laws, the Forest right back, though nobody needed to tell John Barnes, who was the subject of some uncompromising tackles from the man who hopes to retain his place at the expense of Gary Charles, who is injured. The fact that Laws was the recipient of television's man-of-the-match award will not matter a dot to Brian Clough, the Forest manager, when he comes to select his side for Wembley.

Liverpool can rarely have suffered so badly by comparison with their old adversary, who gave them a sharp lesson in the kind of short-passing skills which have long been Liverpool's forte too. As early as the second minute, a neat one-two between Woan and Lee Glover, two of the latest ready-made footballers to be wheeled off the production line at Forest, brought a warning shot across the bows of Grobbelaar's goal from young Woan.

More of their delightful passing were indirectly responsible for giving Forest the lead 11 minutes later when a beautifully-timed pass by Clough at a perfectly-timed run by Gary Crosby combined to split the Liverpool defence apart. It was a pity that Steve Staunton, the Liverpool full back, attempted cynically to deny Forest by shoving Crosby in the back, but the Forest winger still managed to put the ball in the net.

However, the referee awarded a penalty, presumably because he had already blown for a foul, and Clough saw that justice was done from the penalty spot. It was a moot point whether Staunton should have been dispatched for what amounted to a professional foul.

The first half closed without a single shot of note from Liverpool. And it was not until the 56th minute that they caused the Forest defence a moment's disquiet. Even then, Steve Chettle appeared to have timed his tackle on Rosenthal fairly but Mr Martin decided that he had not and awarded a penalty from which Molby converted.

It took Forest just eight minutes to rectify matters. A free kick from Crosby was touched on by Molby, but only as far as Woan who let fly with a left-foot volley over the head of Burrows and into the roof of Grobbelaar's goal.



Heavy fall: Staunton, of Liverpool, brings down Crosby, of Forest, yesterday

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	36	22	13	1	65	16	77
Liverpool	37	22	7	8	75	40	73
Crystal Pal	37	19	9	9	47	41	66
Leeds Utd	36	18	7	11	60	42	61
Man City	37	16	11	10	61	51	59
†Man Utd	35	16	11	8	55	38	58
Wimbledon	37	14	13	10	52	45	55
Nottm Forest	37	13	12	12	51	47	51
Tottenham	36	11	15	10	50	47	48
Chelsea	37	13	9	15	58	57	48
Everton	36	12	11	13	46	43	47
QPR	37	12	9	16	43	52	45
Norwich	36	13	6	17	39	60	45
Coventry	37	11	11	15	41	43	44
Southampton	37	12	8	17	57	68	44
Sheff Utd	36	12	7	17	33	52	43
Aston Villa	36	8	13	15	42	55	37
Luton	37	9	7	21	40	61	34
Sunderland	37	8	10	19	36	57	34
Derby County	36	5	9	22	35	70	24

* Deducted 2pts † Deducted 1pt
(Not including last night's game between Arsenal and Manchester Utd).

Graham expresses delight

AS GEORGE Graham, the Arsenal manager, heard his team had won the League championship for the second time in three years, he said: "I'm surprised Liverpool lost at Forest. I thought they would win their last two matches and the championship would not have been decided until the very end of the season.

"The boys have done tremendously this season. Our success is down to all the work we've put in over the last nine months. There's no reason why we shouldn't continue as champions; we've got some very gopd young players."

He paid tribute to the loyatly of Arsenal's supporters: "They've been excellent, particularly away from home."

David O'Leary, the central defender who was in Arsenal's championship-winning team two years ago, said as the team prepared for the match against Manchester United last night: "It's fantastic. It really is a dream come true."

Arsenal's championship was their tenth in 65 successive seasons in the first division. It came despite being penalised two points and fined £50,000 for their part in a mass brawl against Manchester United and losing their captain, Tony Adams, for two months when he was jailed for a drink-driving offence. They will become the first English team to compete in the European Cup since the Heysel disaster of 1985.

Bari make £4m move for Platt

By DENNIS SHAW

DAVID Platt, the England midfield player and Aston Villa captain, will decide this week on a £4 million transfer to the Italian first division club, Bari. Platt was in southern Italy last night with his adviser, Tony Stephens, discussing terms. He will be back at Villa Park today to continue negotiations with the club chairman, Doug Ellis.

Platt, who emerged as an international player in Italy last summar at the World Cup finals, said last night: "I have always said that I wanted to play in Italy eventually, despite the Villa chairman and manager trying to persuade me to change my mind. They have given me permission to speak to Bari and I will give a decision next week."

Liam Brady, the former Republic of Ireland international, travelled to Italy with Platt. "We are here to look around," Brady said. "We have been made an offer and decided to talk but we have not signed anything and there is no guarantee that we will do do." Brady has valuable experience of Italian football; after leaving Arsenal he spent several years with Juventus, Internazionale and Sampdoria.

With Chris Waddle in France playing for the European Cup finalists, Marseilles, and Paul Gascoigne the target of another Italian club, Lazio, Graham Taylor's England squad would take on an increasingly foreign appearance should Platt decide to move abroad.

Bari made their move for Platt on Saturday after watching him in Villa's 5-2 defeat at Leeds United. Franco Janich, the general manager of the Italian club, who signed Gordon Cowans and Paul Rideout from Villa for Bari six years ago, discussed a deal afterwards with Ellis.

An industrious, goal-scoring midfield player, and a possible England captain, cost Villa £200,000 when Taylor signed him from Crewe Alexandra in January 1988. He had previously been given a free transfer from Manchester United by Ron Atkinson.

The danger for Bari is that their offer and Villa's willingness to talk terms will alert the bigger Italian clubs, including the two Milan clubs and Juventus, who are known to have admired Platt's performances in the World Cup, where he scored three goals.

Platt is expected to play for Villa in the home matches against Norwich City tomorrow and Chelsea on Saturday. A few months ago Platt wrote in a magazine that although it was his ambition to play in Italy, he intended to see out his contract at Villa Park, which has two years to run. Ellis insisted then that he would resist attempts home and abroad to sign him.

Any change of heart could have been caused by Villa's poor form since Taylor led them to second place in the League last season before taking the England post and handing over at Villa to Jozef Venglos, the former Czechoslovakian national coach.

Parrott firms his grip on the world title

By STEVE ACTESON

JOHN Parrott last night stood three frames from winning snooker's blue riband event, the Embassy world championship – and his first important title in Britain – as he led Jimmy White 15-9.

Parrott, aged 26, the world No. 3 from Liverpool, started the day at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, with an 11-5 lead and needing a further seven of yesterday's scheduled 19 frames for the £135,000 first prize.

Having led 7-0 after a magnificent first session on Sunday, in which he compiled scintillating breaks of 97, 75, 39, 43, 44, 88, 74 and 117, Parrott had gone on to lead 10-2. But if he had any thoughts that this final was going to be as one-sided as his own 18-3 defeat by Steve Davis in 1989, then he was swiftly corrected.

White, aged 29, who has assumed Alex Higgins's mantle as the popular favourite and who was striving to win the world crown for the first time in three appearances in the final, won three of the last four frames on Sunday night, aided by Parrott's surprising decision to take on half-chances rather than defend his lead and wait for White to make the mistakes.

The pattern continued yesterday, when White won three of the first four frames to pull up to 12-8 in arrears. He signalled his intentions from the start by posting his highest break of the match, 92, in the opening frame.

When Parrott then scorned three clear chances to win frame 18, White first cleared to pink and then popped in the black that Parrott had obligingly left on following a quite abysmal safety shot.

White, then 11-7 down, appeared on the way to reducing the deficit to three frames when he led 50-17 in the 19th. But this time it was he whose attempted safety shot went awry and he left the last red over a middle pocket for Parrott to soothe his jangling nerves with a winning clearance of 34.

A run of 39 was enough to give White frame 20 by 75-8, and as high anxiety began to replace the high breaks of the earlier stages, both players were losing their sharpness.

The advantage in frame 21 switched from player to player until White, supposedly the best exponent in the world, with the cue-rest, missed the blue into a top pocket while using it, and Parrott cleared to black for a 13-8 lead.

Worse was to follow for White. Parrott missed a simple red into the top right pocket while leading 43-4, and White immediately followed suit, this time using the spider-rest, and Parrott stretched his lead to 59-4 before snookering White who, with only two reds left, conceded.

Parrott nodded sagely to an ally in the crowd and the look on his face indicated that he thought he had averted a crisis. White swiftly reminded him of the potential danger still at hand when, after Parrott had carelessly missed a red to end his break at 55 in frame 23, White whipped in a superb clearance of 67 to narrow the gap to 14-9.

By then, however, White was almost out of the hunt, and even though Parrott once again blundered on a red to end his break at 52 in the last frame of the session, White could not take advantage. When he tried and failed to clip in a long red, Parrott made 34 more off the mistake to move ever closer to his place among snooker's world championship winners.

RESULT: Final: J Parrott (Eng) leads J White (Eng), 15-9. Frame scores (Parrott first): 97-0, 56-34, 62-0, 75-24, 59-6, 79-16, 117-0, 29-67, 32-67, 77-0, 77-62, 65-28, 49-59, 2-82, 6-64, 120-0, 0-135, 60-70, 51-60, 8-75, 59-65, 59-4, 55-68, 91-8.

Gallup moves up the world ladder

From RICHARD EATON IN COPENHAGEN

FELICITY Gallup, who gave up a modelling career in Japan to try to make the grade in professional badminton, enjoyed a slice of good fortune that opened up the chance of a place in the third round of the world championships here yesterday.

Gallup, aged 21, fought her way through a qualifying contest with the Mauritian, Martine de Souza, by 12-10, 11-7, and then found her next opponent absent. This was Victoria Pron, twice a member of Soviet Union squads that have beaten England but whose national association is so short of cash that at the last moment it decided not to send her.

Gallup, a Surrey player, who caused a major shock by beating the former European and Commonwealth champion, Helen Troke, to reach the English national finals in February, may make further progress today. Gallup's next opponent is Tan Sui Hoon, a member of the Malaysian team which England beat 3-2 last week.

England's joint No. 1, Joanne Muggeridge, had a harder time. She had to survive two calls of foul service against her as well as a first game deficit of 29 against Andrea Harsagi, of Hungary, before winning 12-10, 11-4.

Another England international, the left-handed Peter Bush, put up a good fight against the Commonwealth champion, Rashid Sidek, standing at 8-9 in the final game before the Malaysian made a push to victory by 15-2, 9-15, 15-10.

The next world championships, which will be in either England or Scotland in 1993, are likely to see South Africa participating for the first time. The annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation (IBF) yesterday agreed to invite South Africa, subject to all laws relating to apartheid being repealed, as promised by President de Klerk, by June this year.

This should cause South Africa's governing body to be recognised. The IBF has already written to the South African Badminton Union to obtain confirmation that it is a fully multiracial body.

The IBF has also agreed to set up a working party to look into the possibility of experiments with alternative scoring systems.

Hueber leads French to Irish sevens title

By GEORGE ACE

AUBIN Hueber, the French Barbarians captain, won the player-of-the-tournament award at the inaugural international club sevens, sponsored by Smithwick's, at Ravenhill, Belfast, yesterday.

Huebert led a French side that scored 24 tries, eight in the final against the Scottish Saltires. After winning their opening two games 36-0 and 32-0, the French defeated the Irish Wolfhounds 18-10 in the semi-final, while the Saltires Swansea beat Swansea 28-0.

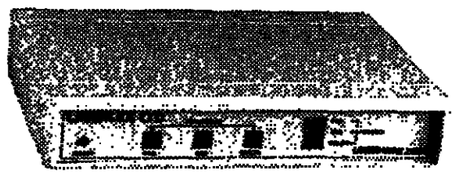
In the final, the French had 22 points on the scoreboard by half time, and added a further 18 before the final whistle.

SCORERS: French Barbarians: Tries: Benetton (2), Cassegne (2), Bideh (2), Berezzi, Weller. Conversions: Hueber (4).
FRENCH BARBARIANS: R Benetton, A Berezzi, B Lacombe, G Cassegne, S Weller, A Hueber, J Bideh.
SALTIRES: O Williams, C Miller, R Wainwright, R Moon, S Wichary, C McGregor, M Walker.
Referee: S Hilditch (Grosvenor HSFP).

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